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PROVERBS

A bad bush is better than the open field.
A bad day never hath a good night.
A bad padlock invites a picklock.
A bad thing never dies.
A bad workman quarrels with his tools.
A bairn maun creep ere it gang.
A bald head is soon shaven.
A barley-corn is better than a diamond to a cock.
A barren sow was never good to pigs.
A bean in liberty is better than a comfit in prison.
A bellyful of gluttony will never study willingly.
A beltless bairn canna lie.
A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
A bird is known by its note, and a man by his talk.
A bird may be caught with a snare, that will not be shot.
A bit in the morning is better than nothing all day.
A black hen will lay a white egg.
A black man is a jewel in a fair woman's eye.
A black plum is as sweet as a white.
A black shoe makes a merry heart.
A blate cat maks a proud mouse.
A blind man will not thank you for a looking-glass.
A blot is no blot till it is hit.
A blow from a frying pan, though it may not hurt, sullies. (*Span.*)
A blow with a reed makes a noise, but hurts not.
A blunt wedge will sometimes do what a sharp axe will not.
A blythe heart makes a blooming visage.
A boaster and a liar are cousin-germans.
A bold fellow is the jest of wise men, and the idol of fools.
A book that remains shut, is but a block.
A borrowed loan should come laughing home.
A bow long bent at last waxeth weak.
A brave retreat is a brave exploit.

A bridle for the tongue is a necessary piece of furniture.
A broad hat does not always cover a venerable head.
A broken apothecary, a new doctor.
A broken friendship may be solder'd, but will never be sound.
A broken sleeve holdeth the arm back.
A burthen of one's own choice is not felt.
A burnt child dreads the fire.
A bushel of March dust, on the leaves, is worth a king's ransom.
A buxom widow must be either married, buried, or shut up in a convent. (*Span.*)
A cake eaten in peace is worth two in trouble.
A candle lights others and consumes itself.
A careless watch invites the vigilant foe.
A carpenter is known by his chips.
A carper can cavil at any thing.
A cat has nine lives, and a woman has nine cats' lives.
A cat may look at a king.
A charitable man is the true lover of God.
A chaste eye exiles licentious looks.
A cherry year, a merry year; a plum year, a dumb year.
A child may have too much of his mother's blessing.
A civil denial is better than a rude grant.
A clean hand wants no washing.
A clear conscience can bear any trouble.
A clear conscience is a sure card.
A clear conscience laughs at false accusations.
A close mouth catcheth no flies.
A cock is crouse on his ain midden.
A cold May and a windy makes a barn full and a findy.
A collier's cow and an alewife's sow are always well fed.
A colt you may break, but an old horse you never can.
A common blot is held no stain.
A common jeerer may have wit but not wisdom.
A constant guest is never welcome.
A contented mind is a continual feast.
A countryman may be as warm in kersey as a king in velvet.
A courageous foe is better than a cowardly friend.
A courtesy much entreated is half recompensed.
A covetous man is a dog in a wheel, that roasteth meat for others.

A covetous man is good to none, but worst to himself.
A covetous man makes a halfpenny of a farthing, and a liberal man makes sixpence of it.
A coward's fear may make a coward valiant.
A cow may catch a hare.
A crabbed knot a crabbed wedge must have.
A cracked bell can never sound well.
A creaking door hangs long on its hinges.
A crooked stick will have a crooked shadow.
A crowd is not company.
A crown in pocket doth you more credit than an angel spent.
A cunning knave needs no broker.
A curs'd cow has short horns.
A curs'd cur should be short tied.
A cut-purse is a sure trade, for he hath ready money when his work is done.
A daft nurse makes a wise wean.
A danger foreseen is half avoided.
A day to come shows longer than a year that's gone.
A dead wife's the best goods in a man's house.
A dear ship stands lang i' the haven.
A deceitful peace is more hurtful than open war.
A deformed body may have a beautiful soul.
A detracter is his own foe, and the world's enemy.
A disease known is half cured.
A dishonest woman cannot be kept in, and an honest one will not.
A dogmatical tone, a pragmatical pate.
A dog will not cry if you beat him with a bone.
A dog's nose and a maid's knees are always cold.
A dram of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow.
A drink is shorter than a tale.
A drowning man will catch at a rush.
A drunkard's purse is a bottle.
A drunken night makes a cloudy morning.
A dry cough is the trumpeter of death.
A dry March never begs its bread.
A dry summer ne'er made a dear peck.
A duck will not always dabble in the same gutter.
A dull ass near home needs no spur.
A fair booty makes many a thief.

A fair bride is soon buskit, and a short horse soon wispit.
A fair face may be a foul bargain.
A fair face may hide a foul heart.
A fair pawn never ashamed his master.
A fair promise makes a fool merry.
A fair wife without a fortune, is a fine house without furniture.
A fair woman and a slashed gown find always some nail in the way.
A fair woman, without virtue, is liked palled wine.
A false report rides post.
A famine in England begins at the horse-manger.
A fat kitchen makes a lean will.
A father is a treasure, a brother a comfort, but a friend is both.
A fault confessed is half redressed.
A fault, once denied, is twice committed.
A favour ill-placed is great waste.
A feast is not made of mushrooms only.
A field requireth three things; fair weather, good seed, and a good husbandman.
A fine diamond may be ill-set.
A flow of words is no proof of wisdom.
A flow will have an ebb.
A fog cannot be dispelled by a fan. (*Japanese.*)
A fool always comes short of his reckoning.
A fool and his money are soon parted.
A fool can dance without a fiddle.
A fool demands much, but he's a greater that gives it.
A fool knows more in his own house, than a wise man in another's.
A fool loseth his estate before he finds his folly.
A fool may ask more questions in an hour than a wise man can answer in seven years.
A fool may give a wise man counsel.
A fool may make money, but it requires a wise man to spend it.
A fool when he hath spoke hath done all.
A fool will laugh when he is drowning.
A fool winna gie his bauble for the Tower o' London.
A fool's bolt may sometimes hit the mark.
A fool's heart dances on his lips.

A fool's tongue is long enough to cut his own throat.
A fop of fashion is the mercer's friend, the tailor's fool, and his own foe.
A forced kindness deserves no thanks.
A foul morn may turn to a fair day.
A fox should not be of the jury at a goose's trial.
A freend's dinner is soon dight.
A friar who asks alms for God's sake, begs for two. (*Span.*)
A friend in need is a friend indeed.
A friend in the market is better than money in the purse.
A friend is best found in adversity.
A friend is never known till needed.
A friend is not so soon gotten as lost.
A friend that you buy, will be bought from you.
A friend to every body is a friend to nobody. (*Span.*)
A friend's frown is better than a fool's smile.
A full belly neither fights nor flies well.
A full cup must be carried steadily.
A full purse never lacks friends.
A gallant man needs no drums to rouse him.
A galled horse will not bear the comb.
A generous confession disarms slander.
A gentle horse should na be o'er sair spurr'd.
A gentleman should have more in his pocket than on his back.
A gentleman without an estate, is a pudding without suet.
A giant will starve on what will surfeit a dwarf.
A gift horse should not be look't in the mouth.
A gift long waited for is sold, not given.
A gift with a kind face, is a double grace.
A glass of water is worth a tun of wine. (*Ital.*)
A glutton is never generous.
A golden dart kills where it pleases.
A golden shield is a great defence.
A good archer is known by his aim, not his arrows.
A good bargain is a pick-purse.
A good beginning makes a good ending.
A good book is a great friend.
A good cause makes a stout heart and a strong arm.
A good companion makes good company. (*Span.*)
A good conscience is the best divinity.

A good conscience needs never sneak.
A good contriver is better than an early riser.
A good dog deserves a good bone.
A good edge is good for nothing, if it has nothing to cut.
A good example is the best sermon.
A good face needs no paint.
A good fame is better than a good face.
A good fellow lights his candle at both ends.
A good fire is one half of a man's life, and bed is the other half. (*Span.*)
A good friend never offends.
A good garden may have some weeds.
A good honest man, now-a-days, is but a civil word for a fool.
A good hope is better than a bad possession.
A good horse should be seldom spurred.
A good Jack makes a good Jill.
A good key is necessary to enter Paradise. (*Ital.*)
A good lawyer makes an evil neighbour.
A good life keeps off wrinkles. (*Span.*)
A good man is no more to be feared than a sheep.
A good man will as soon run into a fire as a quarrel.
A good man will requite a gift; an ill man will ask more.
A good marksman may miss.
A good maxim is never out of season.
A good name is better than gold.
A good name keeps its lustre in the dark.
A good paymaster never wants workmen.
A good presence is a letter of recommendation.
A good present need not knock long for admittance.
A good saver is a good server.
A good servant makes a good master. (*Ital.*)
A good servant should have good wages.
A good stomach is the best sauce.
A good surgeon must have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart, and a lady's hand.
A good take heed will surely speed.
A good tale ill told is a bad one.
A good tale is none the worse for being twice told.
A good tongue has seldom need to beg attention.
A good wife and health, are a man's best wealth.
A good wife makes a good husband.

A good winter brings a good summer.
A good word for a bad one is worth much, and costs little. (*Ital.*)
A goose-quill is more dangerous than a lion's claw.
A goss-hawk strikes not at a bunting.
A gossip speaks ill of all, and all of her.
A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.
A grand eloquence, little conscience.
A great city, a great solitude.
A great cry and a little wool.
A great dowry is a bed full of brambles.
A great fortune is a great slavery.
A great load of gold is more burthensome than a light load of gravel.
A great man's foolish sayings pass for wise ones.
A great man will not trample on a worm, nor sneak to an emperor.
A great mark is soonest hit.
A great ship must have deep water.
A great tree hath a great fall.
A green winter makes a fat churchyard.
A green wound is soon healed.
A grunting horse and a groaning wife seldom fail their master.
A gude cow may hae an ill ca'f.
A gude fallow is a costly name.
A gude name is sooner tint than won.
A guilty conscience needs no accuser.
A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning. (*Span.*)
A handful of good life is better than a bushel of learning.
A handful of trade is a handful of gold.
A handsaw is a good thing, but not to shave with.
A handsome hostess is bad for the purse.
A hangman is a good trade, he doth his work by daylight.
A hare may draw a lion, with a golden cord.
A hasty man never wants woe.
A headstrong man and a fool may wear the same cap.
A hog in armour is still but a hog.
A hog that's bemired, endeavours to bemire others.
A hog upon trust, grunts till he's paid for.

A hook's well lost to catch a salmon.
A horse is neither better nor worse for his trappings.
A horse that will not carry a saddle must have no oats.
A houndless man comes to the best hunting.
A house built by the way-side, is either too high or too low.
A house filled with guests is eaten up and ill spoken of.
A house ready built never sells for so much as it cost.
A house well furnished makes a good housewife.
A huge building, a low foundation.
A humble-bee in a cow-turd thinks himself a king.
A hungry horse maketh a clean manger.
A hungry kite sees a dead horse afar off.
A hungry man is an angry man.
A hungry man smells meat afar off.
A husband without ability is like a house without a roof. (*Span.*)
A jade eats as much as a good horse.
A jealous man's horns hang in his eyes.
A jest driven too far brings home hate.
A joke never gains an enemy, but often loses a friend.
A journey were better too long than dangerous.
A joyful evening may follow a sorrowful morning.
A kindly good Janiveer freezeth the pot by the feere.
A king is never powerful that has not power on the sea. (*Span.*)
A king promises, but observes only what he pleases.
A king's favour is no inheritance.
A kiss of the mouth often touches not the heart.
A knave discovered is a great fool.
A knavish confession should have a cane for absolution.
A knotty piece of timber must have smooth wedges.
A lamb is as dear to a poor man as an ox to the rich.
A lame traveller should get out betimes.
A lass that has many wooers oft fares the worst.
A lazy ox is little better for the goad.
A lazy sheep thinks its wool heavy.
A leaden sword in an ivory scabbard.
A lean dog gets nothing but fleas. (*Span.*)
A lewd bachelor makes a jealous husband.
A liar is a bravo towards God, and a coward towards men.
A liar is not believed when he speaks the truth. (*Ital.*)

A liar is worse than a thief.
A libertine life is not a life of liberty.
A lie begets a lie till they come to generations.
A lie has no legs, but a scandal has wings.
A lie, though it promise good, will do thee harm, and truth will do thee good at last.
A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things.
A light Christmas a heavy sheaf.
A light-heel'd mother makes a heavy-heel'd daughter.
A light purse makes a heavy heart.
A lion may be beholden to a mouse.
A little barrel can give but little meal.
A little bird wants but a little nest.
A little body often harbours a great soul.
A little debt makes a debtor, but a great one an enemy.
A little fire burns up a great deal of corn.
A little house well filled, a little land well tilled, and a little wife well willed, are great riches.
A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.
A little leak will sink a great ship.
A little more breaks a horse's back.
A little neglect may breed great mischief.
A little of every thing is nothing in the main.
A little pot is soon hot.
A little rain serves to lay a great dust.
A little ship needs but a little sail.
A little spark may kindle a great fire.
A little stream will drive a light mill.
A little time may be enough to hatch great mischief.
A little wind kindleth a great fire: a great one bloweth it out.
A living dog is better than a dead lion.
A long life hath long miseries.
A long tongue has a short hand.
A lord without riches is a soldier without arms.
A lover's soul lives in the body of his mistress. (*Plutarch.*)
A low hedge is easily leaped over.
A loyal heart may be landed under Traitor's Bridge.
A mad beast must have a sober driver.
A mad bull is not to be tied up with a packthread.
A mad parish must have a mad priest.

A maid oft seen, and a gown oft worn, are disesteem'd and held in scorn.
A man, a horse, and a dog are never weary of each other's company.
A man among children will be long a child, a child among men will be soon a man.
A man apt to promise is apt to forget.
A man, as he manages himself, may die old at thirty, or young at eighty.
A man at sixteen will prove a child at sixty.
A man can do no more than he can.
A man can never thrive who has a wasteful wife.
A man cannot live by the air.
A man cannot spin and reel at the same time.
A man far from his good is near his harm.
A man forewarned is forearmed.
A man gets no thanks for what he loseth at play.
A man has choice to begin love, but not to end it.
A man has no more goods than he gets good by.
A man has often more trouble to digest meat than to get it.
A man in distress or despair does as much as ten.
A man in a passion rides a horse that runs away with him.
A man is a lion in his own cause.
A man is a man, though he have never a cap to his crown.
A man is known by the company he keeps.
A man is little the better for liking himself, if nobody else like him.
A man is weal or woe, as he thinks himself so.
A man knows his companion in a long journey and a little inn.
A man knows no more to any purpose than he practises.
A man, like a watch, is to be valued for his goings.
A man loseth his time, that comes early to a bad bargain.
A man may be an artist, though he have not his tools about him.
A man may bear till his back breaks.
A man may be kind, an' gie little o' his gear.
A man may be strong, and yet not mow well.
A man may be young in years, yet old in hours.
A man may buy even gold too dear.
A man may cause his own dog to bite him.

A man may lead his horse to water, but cannot make him drink.
A man may live upon little, but he cannot live upon nothing.
A man may love his house, and yet not ride on the ridge.
A man may lose his goods for want of demanding them.
A man may say too much even upon the best of subjects.
A man may see his freend need, but winna see him bleed.
A man may talk like a wise man, and yet act like a fool.
A man may woo whar he will, but wed whar he is wierd.
A man must plough with such oxen as he hath.
A man never surfeits of too much honesty.
A man of courage never wants weapons.
A man of gladness seldom falls into madness.
A man of many trades begs his bread on Sundays.
A man of straw is worth a woman of gold.
A man of words and not of deeds, is like a garden full of weeds.
A man surprised is half beaten.
A man that breaks his word, bids others be false to him.
A man under no restraint, is a bear without a ring.
A man were better be half blind than have both his eyes out.
A man without money, is a bow without an arrow.
A man without reason, is a beast in season.
A man would not be alone even in paradise.
A man's best fortune, or his worst, is a wife.
A man's folly is his worst foe, and his discretion his best friend.
A man's folly ought to be his greatest secret.
A man's gift makes room for him.
A man's house is his castle.
A man's wealth is his enemy.
A mare's shoe and a horse's shoe are both alike.
A mariner must have his eye upon rocks and sands, as well as upon the north star.
A mastiff groweth the fiercer for being tied up.
A May flood never did good.
A merchant's happiness hangs upon chance, winds, and waves.
A merry companion on the road is as good as a nag.
A Michaelmas rot comes ne'er in the pot.
A mill, a clock, and a woman, always want mending.

A mischievous cur must be tied short. (*Fr.*)
A mischievous plot may produce a good end.
A miss is as good as a mile.
A misty morning may have a fine day.
A mittened cat never was a good hunter.
A mole wants no lanthorn.
A moneyless man goes fast through the market.
A morsel eaten gains no friend.
A mote may choke a man.
A mouse in time may shear a cable asunder.
A mouse must not think to cast a shadow like an elephant.
A myrtle among thorns is a myrtle still.
A new broom sweeps clean.
A nightingale won't sing in a cage.
A noble house-keeper needs no doors.
A nod from a lord is a breakfast for a fool.
A nod of an honest man is enough.
A pebble and a diamond are alike to a blind man.
A peck of March dust, and a shower in May, makes the corn green, and the fields gay.
A penny saved is a penny gained.
A penny-weight of love is worth a pound of law.
A pennyworth of ease is worth a penny.
A pennyworth of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow.
A pensive soul feeds upon nothing but bitters.
A piece of a kid is worth two of a cat.
A pin a day is a groat a year.
A pitcher that goes oft to the well, is broken at last.
A plaster is but small amends for a broken head.
A pleasure is well paid for which is long expected. (*Ital.*)
A poor man has not many marks for fortune to shoot at.
A poor man is fain o' little.
A poor man wants some things, a covetous man all things.
A poor man's debt makes a great noise.
A poor spirit is poorer than a poor purse.
A pot that belongs to many, is ill stirred and worse boiled.
A pound of care will not pay an ounce of debt.
A prince wants a million, a beggar but a groat.
A profitable religion never wanted proselytes. (*Ital.*)
A promise against law or duty, is void in its own nature.

A proud eye, an open purse, and a light wife, breeds mischief to the first, misery to the second, and horns to the third.
A proud look makes foul work in a fine face.
A proud man hath many crosses.
A proud mind and a poor purse are ill met.
A purse without money is but a piece of leather.
A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder.
A quiet tongue shows a wise head.
A race horse is an open sepulchre.
A rackless hussie maks mony thieves.
A ragged colt may make a good horse.
A rainy August makes a hard bread-crust.
A rascal grown rich has lost all his kindred.
A ready way to lose your friend, is to lend him money.
A reconciled friend is a double enemy.
A reformed rake makes the best husband.
A rich man's foolish sayings pass for wise ones. (*Span.*)
A rich mouthful, a heavy groan. (*Span.*)
A right Englishman knows not when a thing is well.
A rogue in grain is a rogue amain.
A rolling stone gathers no moss.
A rotten cane abides no handling.
A rotten sheep infects the whole flock.
A rugged stone grows smooth from hand to hand.
A runaway monk never praises his convent. (*Ital.*)
A salmon from the pool, a wand from the wood, and a deer from the hills, are thefts which no man was ever ashamed to own. (*Gaelic.*)
A scald head is soon broken.
A sceptre is one thing, a ladle another.
A scholar may be gulled thrice; a soldier but once.
A scoff is the reward of bashfulness.
A Scotsman is ay wise a-hent the hand.
A Scottish man, and a Newcastle grindstone, travel all the world over. (*Northumberland.*)
A Scottish mist may wet an Englishman to the skin.
A servant and a cock should be kept but a year.
A servant is known by his master's absence.
A servant never yet miscarried through excess of respect.
A shameless beggar must have a short denial.
A sharp stomach makes short devotion.

A ship, a mill, and a woman are always repairing.
A shoemaker's wife and a smith's mare are always the worst shod.
A short horse is soon curried.
A short tree stands lang.
A silver key can open an iron lock.
A single fact is worth a shipload of argument.
A skilful mechanic is a good pilgrim. (*Span.*)
A slight gift, small thanks.
A slip of the foot may be soon recovered; but that of the tongue perhaps never.
A slothfu' man is a beggar's brither.
A sluggard takes an hundred steps because he would not take one in due time.
A small hurt in the eye is a great one.
A small leak will sink a great ship.
A small matter hurts one that is sore.
A small pack becomes a small pedlar.
A small rain may allay a great storm.
A small sore wants not a great plaster.
A small sum may serve for a small reckoning.
A smart reproof is better than smooth deceit.
A smiling boy seldom proves a good servant.
A snow year, a rich year.
A sober man, a soft answer.
A soft answer bids a furioso to put up his sword.
A soldier, fire, and water, soon make room for themselves. (*Ital.*)
A solitary man is either a brute or an angel.
A sorry dog is not worth the whistling after.
A sorrowfu' heart's ay dry.
A soul in a fat body lieth soft, and is loth to rise.
A spaniel, a woman, and a walnut tree, the more they be beaten the better they be.
A sparrow in hand is worth a pheasant that flieth by.
A spot is most seen upon the finest cloth.
A spur in the head is worth two in the heels.
A stern chase is a long chase.
A stitch in time saves nine.
A stout heart crushes ill luck.
A straight stick is crooked in the water.

A stumble may prevent a fall.
A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay, but a swarm in July is not worth a fly.
A sweet and innocent compliance is the cement of love.
A taking hand will never want.
A tale never tines in the telling.
A tale, twice told, is cabbage twice sold.
A tattler is war than a thief.
A thief knows a thief, as a wolf knows a wolf.
A thief passes for a gentleman, when stealing has made him rich.
A thin bush is better than no shelter.
A thin meadow is soon mowed.
A thistle is a fat salad for an ass's mouth.
A thousand pounds and a bottle of hay are just the same at doomsday.
A thousand probabilities do not make one truth.
A thread-bare coat is armour proof against highwaymen.
A thread too fine spun will easily break.
A thrush paid for, is better than a turkey owing for.
A tinker's budget's full of necessary tools.
A toom purse maks a blate merchant.
A too quick return of an obligation is a sort of ingratitude.
A tradesman who gets not, loseth.
A tragical plot may produce a comical conclusion.
A travelled man hath leave to lie.
A tree is known by its fruit.
A true friend does sometimes venture to be offensive.
A true friend should be like a privy, open in necessity.
A true nobleman would prefer rags to patched clothes. (*Span.*)
A true reformation must begin at the upper end.
A turn weel done is soon done.
A tyrant's breath is another's death.
A virtuous woman, though ugly, is the ornament of the house.
A wager is a fool's argument.
A watched pan is long in boiling.
A wee house has a wide mou'.
A wee mouse can creep under a great corn stack.
A whetstone though it can't itself cut, makes tools cut.

A whip for a fool, and a rod for a school, is always in good season.
A white glove often conceals a dirty hand. (*Ital.*)
A whole bushel of wheat is made up of single grains.
A wicked man is afraid of his own memory.
A wicked man is his own hell.
A wight man ne'er wanted a weapon.
A wild goose never laid a tame egg.
A wilful fault has no excuse, and deserves no pardon.
A wilful man never wants woe.
A willing mind makes a light foot.
A winter's thunder, a summer's wonder.
A wise head hath a close mouth to it.
A wise lawyer never goes to law himself.
A wise man begins in the end; a fool ends in the beginning.
A wise man carries his cloak in fair weather, and a fool wants his in rain.
A wise man changes his mind, a fool never.
A wise man gets learning from those who have none themselves.
A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.
A wise man knows his own.
A wise man may be kind without cost.
A wise man may look ridiculous in the company of fools.
A wise man turns chance into good fortune.
A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.
A wise man will make tools of what comes to hand.
A wise man's loss is his secret.
A wise man's thoughts walk within him, but a fool's without him.
A woman and a cherry are painted for their own harm.
A woman conceals what she knows not.
A woman is no older than she looks.
A woman is to be from her house three times; when she is christened, married, and buried.
A woman's counsel is not worth much, but he that despises it is no wiser than he should be.
A woman's strength is in her tongue.
A woman that loves to be at the window, is like a bunch of grapes on the highway.
A wooden leg is better than no leg.

A word and a stone let go cannot be called back.
A word before is worth two after.
A word hurts more than a wound.
A word is enough to the wise.
A word spoken is an arrow let fly.
A work ill done must be twice done.
A work well begun is half ended. (*Plato.*)
A wound is not cured by the unbending of the bow.
A wounded reputation is seldom cured.
A yeoman upon his legs, is higher than a prince upon his knees.
A young prodigal an old mumper.
A young saint, an old devil.
A young trooper should have an old horse.
A young twig is easier twisted than an old tree.
Absence cools moderate passions, but inflames violent ones.
Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens it.
Abundance, like want, ruins many.
Abundance o' law braks nae law.
Abused patience turns to fury.
According to your purse, govern your mouth. (*Ital.*)
Account not that work slavery that brings in penny savory.
Accusing is proving, where malice and force sit judges.
Accusing the times is but excusing ourselves.
Action is the proper fruit of knowledge.
Actions measured by time, seldom prove bitter by repentance.
Admiration is the daughter of ignorance.
Advantage is a better soldier than rashness.
Adversity flattereth no man.
Adversity is easier borne than prosperity forgot.
Adversity makes wise, though not rich.
Adversity often leads to prosperity.
Advice to all, security for none.
Advise not what is most pleasant, but what is most useful. (*Solon.*)
Ae hour's cauld will suck out seven years' heat.
Ae ounce o' mither-wit is worth a pound o' clergy.
Affairs, like salt fish, ought to be a good while a soaking.
Affairs that are done by due degrees, are soon ended.
Affinity in hearts is the nearest kindred.

Affirmations are apter to be believed than negations.
Aft counting keeps freends lang thegither.
After a delay comes a stay.
After a dream of a wedding comes a corpse.
After a famine in the stall, comes a famine in the hall.
After a storm comes a calm.
After cheese comes nothing.
After death, the doctor.
After dinner sit awhile; after supper walk a mile.
After meat, comes mustard.
After the greatest danger is the greatest pleasure.
After wit is everybody's wit.
Aft times the cautioner pays the debt.
Against God's wrath no castle is thunder proof.
Age and wedlock bring a man to his night-cap.
Agree, for the law is costly.
Agues come on horseback, but go away on foot.
Ale sellers shou'd na be tale tellers.
Alexander himself was once a crying babe.
Alexander was below a man, when he affected to be a god.
Alike every day makes a clout on Sunday.
All are good maids, but whence come the bad wives?
A' are na maidens that wear bare hair.
All are not friends that speak one fair.
All are not hanged that are condemned.
All are not hunters that blow the horn.
All are not saints that go to church. (*Ital.*)
All are not thieves that dogs bark at.
All between the cradle and the coffin is uncertain.
All blood is alike ancient.
All cats are alike grey in the night.
All commend patience, but none can endure to suffer.
All complain of want of memory, but none of want of judgment.
All covet, all lose.
A' cracks, a' bears.
All death is sudden to the unprepared.
All doors open to courtesy.
All fame is dangerous: good bringeth envy; bad, shame.
All feet tread not in one shoe.
All fish are not caught with flies.

All flesh is not venison.
All flowers are not in one garland.
All happiness is in the mind.
All human power is but comparative.
All is but lip-wisdom, that wanteth experience.
All is fine that is fit.
All's good in a famine.
All's lost that is poured into a cracked dish.
All is not at hand that helps.
All is not butter that comes from the cow.
All is not gold that glitters.
All is not lost that is in peril.
All is not won that is put in the purse.
All is soon ready in an orderly house.
All's well that ends well.
All lay load on the willing horse.
All meat is not the same in every man's mouth.
All meat is to be eaten, all maids to be wed.
All men can't be first.
All men can't be masters.
All men naturally have some love of truth.
All men row galley way, *i.e.* every one draweth towards himself.
All men think their enemies ill men.
All promises are either broken or kept.
All rivers do what they can for the sea.
All strive to give to the rich man.
All temptations are found either in hope or fear.
All that are black, dig not for coals.
All that are in a bed must not have quiet rest.
All that breed in the mud are not eels.
All that is said in the parlour, should not be heard in the hall.
All that you get you may put in your eye, and see never the worse.
All the craft is in the catching.
All the honesty is in the parting.
All the keys hang not at one man's girdle.
All the months in the year curse a fair Februeer.
All the praise of inward virtue consists in outward action.
All the speed is in the spurs.
All the world will beat the man whom fortune buffets.

All things are difficult before they are easy.
All things are easy that are done willingly.
A' things are gude unsay'd.
A' things are gude untry'd.
All things are not to be granted at all times.
All things come round to him who will but wait.
A' things hae a beginning.
A' things hae an end, an' a pudding has twa.
A' things thrive but thrice.
A' things wyte that na weel fares.
All tongues are not made of the same flesh.
All truth is not to be told at all times.
All unwarrantable delights have an ill farewell.
All vice infatuates and corrupts the judgment.
A' wa'd hae a', a' wa'd forgie.
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
All worldly happiness consists in opinion.
Almost and very nigh saves many a lie.
Almost was never hanged.
Alms are the golden key, that opens the gate of heaven.
Alms-giving never made any man poor, nor robbery rich, nor prosperity wise.
Always put the saddle on the right horse.
Always taking out of the meal tub, and never putting in, soon comes to the bottom.
Amangst twenty-four fools no ae wise man.
Ambition plagues her proselytes.
Amendment is repentance.
An acute word cuts deeper than a sharp weapon.
An ague in spring is physic for a king.
An angler eats more than he gets.
An angry man is again angry with himself, when he returns to reason. (*Publius Syrus.*)
An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes. (*Cato.*)
An ape's an ape; a varlet's a varlet, though they be clad in silk or scarlet.
An ape is ne'er so like an ape as when he wears a doctor's cape.
An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
An apple may happen to be better given than eaten.
An Argus at home, and a mole abroad.

An artful fellow is a devil in a doublet.
An artist lives every where.
An ass covered with gold is more respected than a good horse with a pack-saddle.
An ass is the gravest beast, an owl the gravest bird.
An ass loaded with gold climbs to the top of a castle.
An ass must be tied where the master will have him.
An ass that carries a load is better than a lion that devours men.
An ass that kicketh against the wall, receives the blow himself.
An atheist is one point beyond the devil.
An auld sack craves meikle clouting.
An early winter is a surly winter.
An easy fool is a knave's tool.
An emmet may work its heart out, but can never make honey.
An empty bag cannot stand upright.
An empty belly hears nobody.
An empty purse and a new house make a man wise but too late.
An empty purse fills the face with wrinkles.
An empty purse frights away friends.
An enemy is a perpetual spy.
An enemy may chance to give good counsel.
An enemy to beauty is a foe to nature.
An envious man is a squint-ey'd fool.
An envious man waxes lean with the fatness of his neighbour.
An evening red and a morning grey is a sign of a fair day.
An evil conscience breaks many a man's neck.
An evil lesson is soon learned.
An hired horse tired never.
An honest look covereth many faults.
An honest man's word is as good as his bond.
An honest miller hath a golden thumb.
An honourable death is better than an inglorious life. (*Socrates.*)
An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening.
An hour may destroy what an age was building.
An hour of pain is as long as a day of pleasure.
An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

An idle youth, a needy age.
An ill life, an ill end.
An ill man is worst when he appeareth good.
An ill marriage is a spring of ill fortune.
An ill paymaster never wants an excuse.
An ill plea should be well pleaded.
An ill receiver makes an ill paymaster.
An ill servant will ne'er be a gude master.
An ill stake standeth longest.
An ill-tim'd jest hath ruined many.
An ill turn is soon done.
An ill wan penny will cast down a pound.
An illy-willy cow shou'd hae short horns.
An inch breaketh no square.
An inch in a man's nose is much.
An inch in an hour, is a foot in a day's work.
An inch in missing, is as bad as an ell.
An inch o' a nag is worth a span o' an aver.
An indifferent agreement is better than carrying a cause at law.
An injury forgiven is better than an injury revenged.
An irritable and passionate man is a downright drunkard. (*Span.*)
An oak is not fell'd at one chop.
An obedient wife commands her husband.
An occasion lost cannot be redeemed.
An old ape hath an old eye.
An old cart well used, a new one abused.
An old cat laps as much as a young kitten.
An old courtier, a young beggar.
An old dog biteth sore.
An old dog cannot alter his way of barking.
An old fox needs not to be taught tricks.
An old goat is never the more reverend for his beard.
An old man hath the almanack in his body. (*Ital.*)
An old man in a house is a good sign.
An old man never wants a tale to tell.
An old naught will never be aught.
An old ox makes a straight furrow.
An old thief desires a new halter.
An old wrinkle never wears out.

An open countenance often conceals close thoughts. (*Ital.*)
An open door may tempt a saint.
An orator without judgment is a horse without a bridle. (*Theophrastus.*)
An ounce of fortune is worth a pound of forecast.
An ounce of wisdom is worth a pound of wit.
An ounce of wit that's bought is worth a pound that's taught.
An ugly woman is a disease of the stomach, a handsome woman a disease of the head.
An unbidden guest must bring his stool with him.
An unhappy lad may make a good man.
An unlawful oath is better broke than kept.
An unpeaceable man hath no neighbour.
An upright judge has more regard to justice than to men. (*Ital.*)
Ane may bind a sack before it be fu'.
Anger and haste hinder good counsel.
Anger begins with folly, and ends with repentance.
Anger dieth quickly with a good man.
Anger is often more hurtful than the injury that caused it.
Anger is short-lived in a good man.
Anger makes a rich man hated, and a poor man scorned.
Anger may glance into the breast of a wise man, but rests only in the bosom of fools.
Anger punishes itself.
Antiquity cannot privilege an error, nor novelty prejudice a truth.
Antiquity is not always a mark of verity.
Apes are never more beasts, than when they wear men's clothes.
Apothecaries would not give pills in sugar unless they were bitter.
Apples, pears, and nuts spoil the voice.
Application makes the ass.
April borrows three days of March, and they are ill.
April showers bring forth May flowers.
April wears a white hat.
Argument seldom convinces any one against his inclination.
Arrogance is the obstruction of wisdom.
Arthur was not but whilst he was.
Art helps nature, and experience art.

Art must be deluded by art.
As a jewel of gold in a hog's snout, so is a fair woman without virtue. (*Solomon.*)
As a man is friended, so the law is ended.
As a man lives, so shall he die, as a tree falls so shall it lie.
As a vessel is known by the sound, whether it be cracked or not; so men are proved, by their speeches, whether they be wise or foolish. (*Demosthenes.*)
As a wolf is like a dog, so is a flatterer like a friend.
As bitter as gall.
As black as a coal.
As blake, *i.e.* yellow, as a paigle.
As blind as a beetle or a bat.
As brisk as a bee in a tar-pot.
As brisk as a body louse.
As busy as a bee.
As busy as a good wife at an oven, and neither meal or dough.
As busy as a hen with one chick.
As clear as a bell.
As clear as crystal.
As clear as the sun at noontide.
As cold as charity.
As comfortable as matrimony.
As common as the highway.
As crooked as Crawley brook.
As cross as a bear with a sore head.
As cross as nine highways.
As coy as Croker's mare.
As crowse, *i.e.* lively, as a new washen louse.
As cunning as Craddock, &c.
As dark as pitch.
As dead as a door nail.
As dear as two eggs a penny.
As deep drinketh the goose as the gander.
As demure as an old whore at a christening.
As demure as if butter would not melt in his mouth.
As dizzy as a goose.
As drunk as a lord.
As drunk as a tinker.
As drunk as a wheel-barrow.

As drunk as David's sow.
As dry as a bone.
As dull as a beetle.
As dull as Dun in the mire.
As dun as a mouse.
As false as a Scot.
As fair as Lady Done.
As far from the heart as from the eyes.
As fast as hops.
As fierce as a goose.
As fine (or proud) as a lord's bastard.
As fine as five pence, as neat as ninepence.
As fire kindled by bellows, so is anger by words.
As fit as a fiddle.
As fit as a fritter for a friar's mouth.
As fit as a shoulder of mutton for a sick horse.
As flat as a flaun.
As free as a blind man is of his eye.
As free as an ape is of his tail.
As freely as St. Robert gave his cow.
As fresh as a rose is in June.
As free as a dead horse is of farts.
As full as an egg is of meat.
As full as a piper's bag; as a tick.
As full as a toad is of poison.
As gaunt as a greyhound.
As glad as a fowl of a fair day.
As good a knave I know as a knave I know not.
As good as ever drove top over tiled house.
As good as ever flew in the air.
As good as ever the ground went upon.
As good as ever twanged.
As good as ever water wet.
As good as ever went end ways.
As good as goose skins that never man had enough.
As good be an addled egg, as an idle bird.
As good be hanged for a sheep as a lamb.
As good beg of a naked man as of a miser.
As good do nothing, as to no purpose.
As good eat the devil as the broth he is boiled in.
As good have no time, as make no good use of it.

As good never a whit, as never the better.
As good out of the world, as out of the fashion.
As good play for nothing as work for nothing.
As good sit still as rise up and fall.
As good steal the horse as look over the hedge.
As good water goes by the mill as drives it.
As grave as an old gate post.
As great pity to see a woman cry, as to see a goose go barefoot.
As greedy as a dog.
As green as grass.
As grey as grannum's cat.
As gude haud as draw.
As gude hauds the stirrups as he that loups on.
As gude merchant tines as wins.
As hail as a rock-fish whole.
As hard as horn.
As hasty as Hopkins, that came to gaol over night and was hanged the next morning.
As high as a hog, all but the bristles.
As high as three horse loaves.
As hollow as a gun,—as a kex.
As honest a man as any in the cards when the kings are out.
As honest a man as ever brake bread.
As honest a man as ever trod on shoe leather.
As hot as a toast.
As hungry as a church mouse.
As hungry as a hawk or horse.
As I brew, so I must drink; and as I brew, so I must bake.
As if a man that is killed should come home upon his feet.
As innocent as a devil of two years old.
As irrecoverable as a lump of butter in a greyhound's mouth.
As is the gander, so is the goose.
As is the gardener, so is the garden.
As is the workman, so is the work.
As kind as a kite; all you cannot eat you'll hide.
As lang as ye serve the tod ye maun bear up his tail.
As lang lives the merry man as the wretch, for a' the craft he can.
As lang runs the fox as he has feet.
As lawless as a town bull.

As lazy as Ludlam's dog, that leaned his head against the wall to bark.
As lean as a rake.
As light as a fly.
As like a dock as a daisy.
As like as an apple to an oyster.
As like as fourpence to a groat.
As like as ninepence to nothing.
As like as two peas.
As like his own father as ever he can look.
As long as a Welch pedigree.
As long as Meg of Westminster.
As long lives the merry heart as the sad.
As loud as Tom of Lincoln.
As love thinks no evil, so envy speaks no good.
As mad as a March hare.
As mad as the baiting bull of Stamford.
As meet as a sow for a saddle.
As meikle upwith, as meikle downwith.
As melancholy as a gibed cat.
As merry as a cricket.
As merry as cup and can.
As merry as mice in malt.
As merry as the mares.
As mild (or gentle) as a lamb.
As mony heads, as mony wits.
As much need of it as he has of the pip, or, of a cough.
As much sibbed as sieve and ridder, that grew in the same wood together.
As much wit as three folks, two fools and a madman.
As natural to him as milk to a calf.
As necessary as an old sow among young children.
As nice as the nun's hen.
As nimble as a cow in a cage.
As nimble as an eel in a sand-bag.
As old as a serpent.
As old as Charing-Cross.
As old as the itch.
As pert as a frog upon a washing block.
As pert as a pearmonger's mare.
As plain as a pack-saddle or a pike-staff.

As plain as the nose on a man's face.
As plum as a juggem ear, *i.e.* a quagmire.
As plump as a partridge.
As poor as a church mouse.
As poor as Job.
As proud as a cock on his own dunghill.
As proud as an apothecary.
As proud as a peacock.
As proud come behind as go before.
As ready as the king has an egg in his pouch.
As red as a cherry,—as a petticoat.
As rich as a new-shorn sheep.
As right as a ram's horn,—as my leg.
As rough as a tinker's budget.
As safe as a crow in a gutter.
As safe as a mouse in a cheese,—in a malt heap.
As safe as a thief in a mill.
As scabbed as a cuckoo.
As seasonable as snow in summer.
As sharp as a thorn,—as a razor,—as vinegar.
As sick as a cushion.
As sight in the eye, so is the mind in the soul. (*Sophocles.*)
As slender in the middle as a cow in the waist.
As slippery as an eel.
As smooth as a carpet.
As soft as foot can fall.
As soft as silk.
As soon as you have drank you turn your back upon the spring.
As soon goes the lamb's skin to the market as the old ewe's.
As sound as a roach.
As sour as verjuice.
As spiteful as an old maid.
As spruce as an onion.
As stout as a miller's waistcoat, that takes a thief by the neck every day.
As straight as an arrow.
As straight as the back-bone of a herring.
As strong as mustard.
As sure as a gun.
As sure as a juggler's box.

As sure as a louse in one's bosom.
As sure as a house in Pomfret.
As sure as exchequer pay.
As sure as God's in Gloucestershire.
As surly as a butcher's dog.
As sweet as honey.
As tall as a May-pole.
As tender as a chicken.
As testy as an old cook.
As the bell clinks, so the fool thinks.
As the best wine makes the sharpest vinegar, so the deepest love turns to the deadliest hatred.
As the blind man shot the cow.
As the carl riches he wretches.
As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.
As the grace of man is in the mind, so the beauty of the mind is eloquence. (*Cicero.*)
As the market goes, wives must sell.
As the old cock crows, so crows the young.
As the sow fills the draff sours.
As the touchstone trieth gold, so gold trieth men.
As the wind blows, seek your shelter.
As the wind blows, you must set your sail.
As they brew, so let them bake.
As tough as whit-leather.
As true as a turtle to her mate.
As true as God is in heaven.
As true as steel.
As true as the dial to the sun.
As virtue is its own reward, so vice is its own punishment.
As warm as a mouse in a churn.
As wary as a blind horse.
As weak as water.
As welcome as flowers in May.
As welcome as water in a leaking ship.
As welcome as water in one's shoes.
As well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb.
As well worth it as a thief is worth a rope.
As white as the driven snow.
As wild as a buck.
As wilful as a pig that will neither lead nor drive.

As wily as a fox.
As wise as a man of Gotham. (*Nottinghamshire.*)
As wise as a whisp or a woodcock.
As yellow as a golden noble,—as a guinea.
As you brew, so drink.
As you make your bed, so you must lie on it.
As you salute, you will be saluted. (*Ital.*)
As you sow you shall reap.
As your wedding ring wears, you'll wear off your cares.
Asses die, and wolves bury them.
Asses that bray most, eat least.
Ask a kite for a feather, and she'll say, she has but just enough to fly with.
Ask but enough, and you may lower the price as you list.
Ask thy purse what thou shouldest buy.
At a great bargain make a pause.
At a round table the herald's useless.
At open doors dogs come in.
At St. Mathee shut up the bee.
At the door of the fold, words; within the fold, an account.
At the end of the game you'll see who's the winner.
At the end of the work, you may judge of the workman.
At the first hand buy, at the third let lie.
At the gate where suspicion enters, love goes out.
Auld sin, new shame.
Auld sparrows are ill to tame.
Auld springs gie nae price.
Avarice increases with wealth. (*Ital.*)
Away goes the devil when he finds the door shut against him.

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Bacchus hath drowned more men than Neptune.
Bachelor's wives and maid's children are well taught.
Backbiting oftener proceeds from pride than malice.
Bad customs are better broke than kept up.
Bad excuses are worse than none.
Bad is a bad servant, but 'tis worse being without him.
Bad luck often brings good luck.
Bad priests bring the devil into the church.
Bad words find bad acceptance.

Bannocks are better nor nae kind o' bread.
Barefooted men must not go among thorns.
Bare gentry, braggand beggars.
Bare walls make gadding housewives.
Bare words buy no barley.
Barking dogs seldom bite.
Base terms are bellows to a slackening fire.
Bashfulness is an enemy to poverty.
Be a father to virtue, but a father-in-law to vice.
Be a friend to thyself, and others will be so too.
Be a good husband, and you will get a penny to spend, a penny to lend, and a penny for a friend.
Be always as merry as ever you can, for no one delights in a sorrowful man.
Be always at leisure to do good. (*M. Aurelius.*)
Be as you would seem to be.
Be aware of a fine tongue; 'twill sting mortally.
Be bold, but not too bold.
Be content; the sea hath fish enough.
Be ever vigilant, but never suspicious.
Be it dry or be it wet, the weather always pays its debt.
Be it for better, or be it for worse, be ruled by him that beareth the purse.
Be it weal or be it woe, beans should blow before May go.
Be just to all but trust not all.
Be lang sick, that ye may be soon hale.
Be not a baker if your head be of butter.
Be not too hasty to outbid another.
Be not too brief in conversation, lest you be not understood; nor too diffuse, lest you be troublesome. (*Protagoras.*)
Be not ungrateful to your old friend.
Be old betimes, that thou mayst long be so.
Be patient, and you shall have patient children.
Be silent, or speak something worth hearing.
Be slow in choosing, but slower in changing.
Be slow of giving advice, ready to do a service.
Be slow to promise, quick to perform.
Be sure before you marry, of a house wherein to tarry. (*Span. Ital.*)
Be sure of hay till the end of May.
Be the day never so long, at length cometh evensong.

Be the same thing that ye wa'd be ca'd.
Bear, and blame not, what you cannot change. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Bear and forbear is good philosophy.
Bear wealth, poverty will bear itself.
Bear with evil, and expect good.
Beauties without fortunes have sweethearts plenty, but husbands none at all.
Beauty draws more than oxen.
Beauty is but skin deep.
Beauty is no inheritance.
Beauty is the subject of a blemish.
Beauty may have fair leaves, yet bitter fruit.
Beauty provoketh thieves sooner than gold.
Beauty will buy no beef.
Beauty without bounty avails nought.
Beauty without virtue is a curse.
Bees that have honey in their mouths have stings in their tails.
Before you make a friend, eat a peck of salt with him. (*Scotch.*)
Beggars breed, and rich men feed.
Beggars can never be bankrupts.
Beggars fear no rebellion.
Beggars mounted run their horses to death.
Beggars must not be choosers.
Begging a courtesy is selling liberty.
Being on the sea, sail, being on the land, settle.
Believe only half of what you hear of a man's wealth and goodness.
Believe well, and have well.
Bells call others to church, but go not themselves.
Benefits, like flowers, please most when they are fresh.
Best dealing with an enemy when you take him at his weakest.
Best is best cheap, if you hit not the nail.
Best to bend it while a twig.
Better a bad excuse than none at all.
Better a bare foot than no foot at all.
Better a beast sold than bought.
Better a begging mither nor a riding father.

Better a bit i' the morning than fast a' day.
Better a blush in the face than a spot in the heart.
Better a clout nor a hole out.
Better a de'il than a daw.
Better a dog fawn nor bark at you.
Better a fair pair of heels than a halter.
Better a finger aff than wagging.
Better a foul in hand nor twa flying.
Better a good dinner than a fine coat. (*Fr.*)
Better a good word than a battle.
Better a laying hen nor a lym crown.
Better a lean jade than an empty halter.
Better a lean peace than a fat victory.
Better a little fire to warm us, than a great one to burn us.
Better a master be feared than despised.
Better a mischief than an inconvenience.
Better a mouse in the pot than no flesh at all.
Better a tooth out, than always aching.
Better a witty fool than a foolish wit.
Better abridge petty charges than stoop to petty gettings.
Better an egg in peace than an ox in war.
Better an empty house than an ill tenant.
Better apple gien nor eaten.
Better are small fish than an empty dish.
Better auld debts nor auld sairs.
Better be alone than in bad company.
Better be a shrew than a sheep.
Better be born lucky than rich.
Better be dead as out o' fashion.
Better be envied than pitied.
Better be happy nor wise.
Better be half hang'd, than ill wed.
Better be ill spoken of by one before all, than by all before one.
Better believe it than go where it was done to prove it.
Better belly burst, than good drink or meat lost.
Better be meals many, than one too merry.
Better bend than break.
Better bend the neck than bruise the forehead.
Better be poor and live, than rich and perish.
Better be poor than wicked.

Better be stung by a nettle than pricked by a rose.
Better be the head of an ass, than the tail of a horse.
Better be the head of a dog, than the tail of a lion.
Better be the head of a sprat, than the tail of a sturgeon.
Better be the head of the yeomanry, than the tail of the gentry.
Better be up to the ankles than over head and ears.
Better be unmannerly than troublesome.
Better bid the cooks nor the mediciners.
Better bow than break.
Better break your word than do worse in keeping it.
Better buy than borrow.
Better come at the latter end of a feast than the beginning of a fray.
Better cut the shoe than pinch the foot.
Better die a beggar than live a beggar.
Better direct well than work hard.
Better do it, than wish it done.
Better dwell with a dragon than with a wicked woman.
Better eat grey bread in your youth than in your age. (*Scotch.*)
Better face a danger once than be always in fear.
Better fare hard with good men than feast with bad.
Better fill a glutton's belly than his eye.
Better give a shilling than lend half a crown.
Better give the wool than the whole sheep.
Better go away longing than loathing.
Better go to bed supperless than rise in debt.
Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.
Better God than gold.
Better good afar off than ill at hand.
Better gude sale nor gude ale.
Better half a loaf than no bread.
Better half an egg than an empty shell.
Better hand loose than in an ill tethering.
Better haud by a hair than draw wi' a tether.
Better have an old man to humour than a young rake to break your heart.
Better have it than hear of it.
Better have one plough going than two cradles.
Better hazard once than be always in fear.

Better hold out nor put out.
Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. (*Solomon.*)
Better keep now than seek anon.
Better late ripe and bear, than early blossom and blast.
Better late than never.
Better late thrive, than never do well. (*Scotch.*)
Better learn by your neeighbour's skaith than by your ain.
Better leave than lack.
Better live in a poor hovel than be buried in a rich sepulchre.
Better live within compass than have large comings in.
Better lose a jest than a friend.
Better lose a supper than have a hundred physicians. (*Span.*)
Better master one than engage with ten.
Better ne'er hae begun nor ne'er end it.
Better no ring than a ring of a rush.
Better one braggadocio than two fighters.
Better one house fill'd than two spill'd.
Better one's house be too little one day than too big all the year after.
Better one word in time than two afterwards.
Better pass a danger once, than be always in fear.
Better ride an ass that carried us than a horse that throws us.
Better saught wi' little aught nor care wi' mony a cow.
Better say nothing than nothing to the purpose.
Better see a clout, than a hole out.
Better sell than live poorly.
Better shelter under an old hedge, than a young furzebush.
Better sit idle than work for nought.
Better sit still nor rise an' get a fa'.
Better skaith sav'd than mends made.
Better some of a pudding than none of a pie.
Better spare at the brim than at the bottom.
Better spare to have of thine own than ask others.
Better spared than ill spent.
Better strive with an ill ass than carry the wood one's self.
Better suffer a great evil than do a little one.
Better suffer ill than do ill.
Better ten guilty escape than one innocent man suffer.

Better the foot slip than the tongue.
Better the head of the yeoman than the tail of the gentry.
Better the ill ken'd than the gude unken'd.
Better the last smile than the first laughter.
Better to be beaten than be in bad company.
Better to be alone than in bad company.
Better to be idle than not well occupied.
Better to do well late than never.
Better to have than to wish.
Better to live well than long.
Better to rule than be ruled by the rout.
Better to say here it is than here it was.
Better two drones be preserved than one good bee perish.
Better two losses than one sorrow.
Better unborn than unbred.
Better untaught than ill taught.
Better walk leisurely than lie abroad all night.
Better wear out shoes than sheets.
Better woo o'er midden nor o'er moss.
Between promising and performing a man may marry his daughter.
Between two stools the breech cometh to the ground.
Beware of a silent dog and still water.
Beware of breed; *i.e.* an ill breed.
Beware of enemies reconciled, and meat twice boiled. (*Span.*)
Beware of Had I wist.
Beware of him who regards not his reputation.
Beware of him whom God hath marked.
Beware of little expense.
Beware of no man more than thyself.
Beware of the forepart of a woman, the hind part of a mule, and all sides of a priest.
Beware of the geese when the fox preaches.
Beware of the stone thou stumbledst at before.
Beware of vinegar made of sweet wine. (*Italian.*)
Bind fast, find fast.
Bind so as you may unbind.
Birchen twigs break no ribs.
Birds are entangled by their feet, and men by their tongues.
Birds of a feather flock together.

Birds pay equal honours to all men.
Birth is much, but breeding is more.
Biting and scratching gets the cat with kitten.
Bitter pills may have wholesome effects.
Blaw the wind never so fast, it will lower at last.
Black plums may eat as sweet as white.
Black will take no other hue.
Blessed is the peace-maker, not the conqueror.
Blessings are not valued till they are gone.
Blind men must not run.
Blind men should not judge of colours.
Blind men's wives need no paint.
Blood's thicker than water.
Bloody and deceitful men dig their own graves.
Blots are no blots till hit.
Blow first, and sip afterwards.
Blow not against the hurricane.
Blow thine own pottage, and not mine.
Blushing is virtue's colour.
Bodily labour earns not much.
Boil stones in butter, and you may sip the broth.
Boldness in business is the first, second, and third thing.
Bold resolution is the favourite of Providence.
Bonny siller is soon spent.
Borrowed garments never sit well.
Borrow not too much upon time to come.
Both anger and haste hinder good counsel.
Both folly and wisdom come upon us with years.
Bought friends are not friends in deed.
Bought wit is best, but may cost too much.
Bounty being free itself, thinks all others so.
Bourd na wi' bawty, fear lest he bite ye.
Brabbling curs never want sore ears.
Brag's a good dog, but he hath lost his tail.
Brag's a good dog, but Holdfast is a better.
Brave actions never want a trumpet.
Bread at pleasure, drink by measure. (*Fr.*)
Bread for Borrough men.
Bread of a day, ale of a month, and wine of a year.
Bread's house skaild never.
Brevity is a great praise of eloquence. (*Cicero.*)

Brevity is the soul of wit.
Bribes throw dust into cunning men's eyes.
Bribes will enter without knocking.
Bridges were made for wise men to walk over, and fools to ride under.
Bring a cow to the ha' an' she'll rin to the byre.
Bring not a bagpipe to a man in trouble.
Bring your line to the wall, not the wall to your line.
Broken sacks will hold no corn.
Buffoonery and scurrility are the corruption of wit, as knavery is of wisdom.
Building and the marrying of children are great wasters.
Building is a sweet impoverishing.
Burn not your house to fright away the mice.
Business and action strengthen the brain, but too much study weakens it.
Business is the salt of life.
Business makes a man as well as tries him.
Business may be troublesome, but idleness is pernicious.
Business neglected is business lost.
Busy-bodies never want a bad day.
Busy folks are always meddling.
Busy will have bands.
Butter is gold in the morning, silver at noon, and lead at night.
Butter's once a year in the cow's horn.
Buy and sell, and live by the loss.
Buy at a market, but sell at home.
Buyers want an hundred eyes, sellers none.
Buying a thing too dear is no bounty.
Buying and selling is but winning and losing.
By art and deceit men live half a year; and by deceit and art the other half.
By doing nothing we learn to do ill.
By ignorance we mistake, and by mistakes we learn.
By others' faults wise men correct their own.
By requiting one friend we invite many.
By the husk you may guess at the nut.
By Tre, Pol, and Pen, you shall know the Cornish men.
By wisdom peace, by peace plenty.
Bye and by is easily said.

C.

Cadgers are ay cracking o' crooksadles.
Calamity is the touchstone of a brave mind.
Call a spade a spade.
Call no man happy till he dies.
Call not a surgeon before you are wounded.
Call your husband cuckold in jest, and he'll never suspect you.
Calm weather in June sets corn in tune.
Calumny and conjecture may injure innocency itself.
Can a jackanapes be merry when a clog is at his heels?
Can a mill go with the water that's past?
Can a mouse fall in love with a cat?
Can't I be your friend, but I must be your fool too?
Canterbury's the higher rack, but Winchester's the better manger.
Capons were at first but chickens.
Care and diligence bring luck.
Care not, and that will prevent horns.
Care will kill a cat; yet there's no living without it.
Care's no cure.
Careless men let their end steal upon them unawares and unprovided.
Careless shepherds make many a feast for the wolf.
Carrion kites will never make good hawks.
Carry your knife even between the paring and the apple.
Cast a bone in the de'il's teeth and it will save you.
Cast no dirt into the well that gives you water.
Cast not a clout till May be out.
Cast not out thy foul water till thou hast clean.
Cast not the helve after the hatchet.
Cast not thy cradle over thy head.
Cast your staff into the air, and it will fall upon its root.
Catch not at the shadow, and lose the substance.
Catch that catch may.
Catch the bear before you sell his skin.
Cats eat what hussies spare.
Cats hide their claws.
Cauld cools the luve that kindles o'er hat.
Cause not thine own dog to bite thee.

Censure and scandal are not the same.
Censure's the tax a man pays the public for being eminent.
Cent. per cent. do we pay for every vicious pleasure.
Chains of gold are stronger than chains of iron.
Chair-folks are never paid enough.
Chalk is na sheers.
Chance is a dicer.
Change of fortune is the lot of life.
Change of pasture makes fat calves.
Change of weather is the discourse of fools.
Change of women makes bald knaves.
Changing of words is the lighting of hearts.
Charge your freend ere you hae need.
Charity and pride have different aims, yet both feed the poor.
Charity begins at home, but should not end there.
Charity excuseth not cheating.
Charity is the scope of all God's commands.
Charity will rather wipe out the score than inflame the reckoning.
Charon waits for all.
Cheating play never thrives.
Cheat me in the price, but not in the goods.
Cheese, it is a peevish elf, it digests all things but itself.
Chickens now-a-days cram the cock.
Children and chicken must ever be picking.
Children and fools have merry lives.
Children and fools tell truth.
Children are certain cares, but uncertain comforts.
Children are poor men's riches.
Children have wide ears and long tongues.
Children increase the cares of life, but mitigate the remembrance of death.
Children pick up words as pigeons peas, and utter them again as God shall please.
Children suck the mother when they are young, and the father when grown up.
Children, when little, make parents fools; when great, mad.
Choler hates a counsellor.
Choler is the only unruly passion that justifies itself.
Choose a wife rather by your ear than your eye.

Choose rather to be the tail of lions than the head of foxes.
Christmas comes but once a year.
Church-work goes on slowly.
City gates stand open to the bad as well as the good.
Civil carriage is the best sign of affection to a woman.
Claw me, and I'll claw thee.
Clean hands want no washball.
Cleaning a blot with blotted fingers maketh a greater.
Clear and round dealing is the honour of man's nature.
Clear moon, frost soon.
Climb not too high lest the fall be the greater.
Close sits my shirt, but closer my skin.
Clouds, that the sun builds up, darken him.
Cloudy mornings may turn to clear evenings.
Clowns are best in their own company, but gentlemen are best every where.
Cobblers and tinkers are the best ale-drinkers.
Cold broth hot again, that lov'd I never; old love renew'd again, that lov'd I ever.
Cold after eating is a sign of long life.
Cold of complexion, good of condition.
Cold weather and knaves come out of the North.
Come and welcome; go by, and no quarrel.
Come, but come stooping.
Come it ear', come it late, in May comes the cowquake.
Come na to the counsel unca'd.
Come uncalled sit unserved.
Comes to my hand like the bow o' a pint stoup.
Coming events cast their shadows before them.
Command your man and do it yourself.
Command your wealth, else that will command you.
Commend a wedded life, but keep thyself a bachelor.
Commend not your wife, wine, nor house.
Common fame, a cunning friar, are but both a common liar.
Common fame hath a blister on its tongue.
Common fame is seldom to blame.
Common sense is the growth of all countries.
Commonly he is not stricken again who laughs when he strikes.
Company in misery makes it light.

Comparison, more than reality, makes men happy or wretched.
Comparisons are odious.
Comparisons run not upon all fours.
Compliments cost nothing, yet many pay dear for them.
Concealed goodness is a sort of vice.
Concealed grudges are gangrenes in friendship.
Conceited goods are quickly spent.
Confess and be hanged.
Confess debt, and beg days.
Confession of a fault makes half amends.
Confession without repentance, friends without faith, prayer without sincerity, are mere loss. (*Ital.*)
Confidence goeth farther in company than good sense.
Confidence is the companion of success.
Confine your tongue, lest it confine you.
Conform to common custom, and not to common folly.
Congruity is the mother of love.
Conscience cannot be compelled.
Conscience is the chamber of justice.
Consider not pleasures as they come, but as they go.
Consideration gets as many victories as rashness loses.
Consideration is half conversion.
Consideration is the parent of wisdom.
Constant complaints never get pity.
Constant dropping wears the stone.
Constant occupation prevents temptation. (*Ital.*)
Consult with your pillow.
Contempt is the sharpest reproof.
Contempt is usually worse borne than real injuries.
Contempt will cause spite to drink of her own poison.
Contempt will sooner kill an injury than revenge.
Contend not about a goat's beard.
Content is more than a kingdom.
Content is the philosopher's stone, that turns all it touches into gold.
Content lodges oftener in cottages than palaces.
Continual cheerfulness is a sign of wisdom.
Contradiction should awaken attention, not passion.
Conversation teaches more than meditation.
Cooks are not to be taught in their own kitchen.

Cool words scald not the tongue.
Corn in good years is hay; in ill years straw is corn.
Corn is cleansed with the wind, and the soul with chastening.
Corn is not to be gather'd in the blade, but the ear.
Correction should not respect what is past so much as what is to come.
Corruption of the best becomes the worst.
Counsel is no command.
Counsel is to be given by the wise, the remedy by the rich.
Counsel must be followed, not praised.
Counsel over cups is crazy.
Count not your chickens before they be hatch'd.
Courage mounteth with occasion.
Courage ought to have eyes as well as arms.
Courage without fortune destroys a man.
Courtesie is cumbersome to them that ken it not.
Courtesy is the inseparable companion of virtue.
Courtesy on one side can never last long.
Courting and wooing, brings dallying and doing.
Courts keep no almanacks.
Cover your head by day as much as you will, by night as much as you can.
Cover yourself with honey, and the flies will have at you.
Covet nothing over much.
Covetous men are condemned to dig in the mines for they know not who.
Covetous men are neither fed, clothed, nor respected.
Covetous men live drudges to die wretches.
Covetous men's chests are rich, not they.
Covetousness, as well as prodigality, brings a man to a morsel of bread.
Covetousness brings nothing home.
Covetousness is always filling a bottomless vessel.
Covetousness often starves other vices.
Cowards are cruel.
Cowards run the greatest danger of any men in a battle.
Cowardice is afraid to be known or seen.
Craft borders upon knavery; wisdom neither uses nor wants it.
Craft counting all things brings nothing home.
Craft must have clothes, but truth loves to go naked.

Crafty evasions save not veracity.
Crafty men deal in generals.
Credit is better than ill won gear.
Credit keeps the crown o' the causeway.
Credit lost is a Venice-glass broken, which cannot be solder'd.
Creditors have better memories than debtors.
Credulity thinks others short sighted.
Crimes may be secret, yet not secure.
Criminals are punished that others may be amended. (*Ital.*)
Critics are like brushers of other men's clothes.
Crooked by nature, is never made straight by education
Crooked logs make straight fires.
Crosses are ladders to heaven.
Crows are never the whiter for washing themselves.
Crows bewail the dead sheep, and then eat them.
Cruelty is a tyrant that is always attended with fear.
Cruelty is the first attribute of the devil.
Cry you mercy killed my cat.
Cuckolds themselves are the very last that know it.
Cunning craft is but the ape of wisdom.
Cunning is no burden.
Cure your sore eyes only with your elbow.
Curses are like young chickens, and still come home to roost.
Curs'd cows have short horns.
Custom in infancy becomes nature in old age.
Custom is a second nature.
Custom is the guide of the ignorant.
Custom is the plague of wise men, and the idol of fools.
Custom makes all things easy.
Custom without reason is but an ancient error.
Cut your coat according to your cloth.
Cutting out well is better than sewing up well.

D.

Daffing does naething.
Damming an' laving is gude sure fishing.
Danger and delight grow on one stock.
Danger is next neighbour to security.
Danger past, God is forgotten.

Dangers are overcome by dangers.
Daughters and dead fish are no keeping wares.
Daws love one another's prattle.
Daylight will peep through a sma' hole.
Dead folks can't bite.
Dead men tell no tales.
Dead mice feel no cold.
Deaf men go away with the injury.
Death an' marriage mak term-day.
Death and the grave make no distinction of persons.
Death defies the doctor.
Death devours lambs as well as sheep.
Death hath nothing terrible in it, but what life hath made so.
Death is the grand leveller.
Death keeps no calendar.
Death rather frees us from ills than robs us of our goods.
Death's day is doom's day.
Debt is an evil conscience.
Debt is the worst poverty.
Deceit is in haste, but honesty can wait a fair leisure.
Deceiving of a deceiver is no knavery.
Deeds are fruits, words are leaves.
Deeds are males, and words are but females.
Deep lies the heart's language.
Deep rivers move in silence, shallow brooks are noisy.
Defaming or slandering others is the greatest of all sins.
Defer not till to-morrow what may be done to-day.
Defiance provokes an enemy.
Delays increase desires, and sometimes extinguish them.
Deliberate slowly, execute promptly.
Deliberating is not delaying.
Deliver your words not by number but by weight.
Denials make little faults great.
Denying a fault doubles it.
Dependence is a poor trade.
Desert and rewards go not often together.
Deserve success, and you shall command it.
Desire of glory is the last garment that even wise men put off.
Desires are nourished by delays.
Despair gives courage to a coward.
Despair hath ruined some; but presumption multitudes.

Desperate cuts must have desperate cures.
Destiny leads the willing, but drags the unwilling.
Detraction is a weed that grows only on dunghills.
Detractors are their own foes, and the world's enemies.
Dexterity comes by experience.
Diamonds cut diamonds.
Diet cures more than the lancet.
Different sores must have different salves.
Difficulty makes desire.
Difficulties are opportunities.
Difficulties give way to diligence.
Diffidence is the right eye of prudence.
Dignities and honours set off merit, as good dress does good figures.
Diligence is the mother of good fortune.
Ding down the nests, and the rooks will flee away. (*Scotch.*)
Dirt is dirtiest upon the fairest spots.
Dirty troughs will serve dirty sows.
Discontents arise from our desires oftener than from our wants.
Discreet stops make speedy journeys.
Discretion in speech is more than eloquence.
Diseases are the tax on ill pleasures.
Disputations leave truth in the middle, and party at both ends.
Dissembled sin is double wickedness.
Dissemblers oftener deceive themselves than others.
Distrust is the mother of safety, but must keep out of sight.
Do all you can to be good, and you'll be so.
Do as little as you can to repent of.
Do as most men do, and men will speak well of thee.
Do as the friar saith, not as he doeth.
Do as the maids do, say no, and take it.
Do as you're bidden, and you'll never bear blame.
Do as you would be done by.
Do business, but be not a slave to it.
Do evil, and look for like.
Do good, and then do it again.
Do good, if you expect to receive it.
Do it well, that thou may'st not do it twice.

Do not all you can; spend not all you have; believe not all you hear; and tell not all you know.
Do not close a letter without reading it, nor drink water without seeing it. (*Span.*)
Do not dwell in a city, where a horse does not neigh, nor a dog bark.
Do not dwell in a city whose governor is a physician.
Do not halloo till you are out of the wood.
Do not look upon the vessel, but upon that which it contains.
Do not make fish of one and flesh of another.
Do not speak of secret matters in a field that is full of little hills.
Do not spur a free horse.
Do nothing by halves.
Do the likeliest, and hope the best.
Do weel, an' doubt nae man; do ill, an' doubt a' men.
Do weel, an' dread nae shame.
Do well, and have well.
Do what thou ought, let come what may.
Doctors make the worst patients.
Dog will not eat dog.
Dogs bark as they are bred.
Dogs begin in jest and end in earnest.
Dogs gnaw bones because they cannot swallow them.
Dogs ought to bark before they bite.
Dogs that bark at a distance never bite.
Dogs that hunt foulest scent the most faults.
Dogs that put up many hares, kill none.
Dogs wag their tails not so much to you as your bread.
Doing nothing is doing ill.
Don't bite off more than you can chew.
Don't buy a pig in a poke.
Don't cry herrings till they are in the net.
Don't cry out till you are out of the bush.
Don't measure other people's corn by your own bushel.
Don't prophesy unless you know.
Draw not your bow till your arrow is fixed.
Drawn wells are seldom dry.
Drawn wells have sweetest water.
Dree out the inch when ye hae thol'd the span.
Drift is as bad as unthrift.

Drink and drought come not always together.
Drink little, that ye may drink lang.
Drink wine, and have the gout; drink none, and have it too.
Drink wine in winter for cold, and in summer for heat.
Drinking kindness is drunken friendship.
Drinking water neither makes a man sick, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow.
Drive not a second nail till the first be clinched.
Drive not too many ploughs at once; some will make foul work.
Drive the nail that will go.
Drive thy business; let not that drive thee.
Drought never bred dearth in England.
Drowning men will catch at a rush.
Drown not thyself to save a drowning man.
Drumming is not the way to catch a hare.
Drunken folks seldom take harm.
Drunkenness is a pair of spectacles to see the devil and all his works.
Drunkenness turns a man out of himself, and leaves a beast in his room.
Dry August and warm, doth harvest no harm.
Dry bread at home is better than roast meat abroad.
Dry bread is better with love than a fat capon with fear.
Dry over head, happy.
Dumb folks get no lands.
Dummie canna lie.
Dying is as natural as living.

E.

Each bird loves to hear himself sing.
Each cross hath its inscription.
Early master, lang knave.
Early ripe, early rotten.
Early sow, early mow.
Early to bed, early to rise, make a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
Earth is the best shelter.
East or west, home is best.
Easy to keep the castle that was never besieged. (*Scotch.*)

Eat a bit before you drink.
Eat a peck of salt with a man before you trust him.
Eat an' drink measurely, an' defy the mediciners.
Eat, and welcome; fast, and heartily welcome.
Eat at pleasure, drink by measure.
Eat little at dinner, less at supper, sleep aloft, and you will sleep oft. (*Span.*)
Eat peas with the king, and cherries with the beggar.
Eat to live, but do not live to eat.
Eat-well is drink-well's brother.
Eaten bread is forgotten.
Eaten meat is gude to pay.
Eating an' drinking want but a beginnin'.
Eating and drinking take away one's stomach.
Education begins a gentleman, conversation completes him.
Education polishes good natures, and correcteth bad ones.
Either live or die wi' honour.
Either win the horse or lose the saddle.
Empty hands allure no hawks.
Empty vessels give the greatest sound.
Emulation layeth up a grudge.
England's the paradise of women, the hell of horses, and the purgatory of servants.
Enjoy your little while the fool seeks for more. (*Span.*)
Enough's as good as a feast, to one that's not a beast.
Enough is a feast, too much a vanity.
Enquire not what is in another's pot.
Envy and covetousness are never satisfied.
Envy never yet enriched any man.
Envy shoots at others, and wounds herself.
Error is always in haste.
Error, though blind herself, sometimes bringeth forth children that can see.
Errors, in the first concoction, are hardly mended in the second.
Eternity has no grey hairs.
Even a child may beat a man that's bound.
Even a fly hath its spleen.
Even a worm will turn.
Even an ass will not fall twice in the same quick-sand.
Even an emmet may seek revenge.

Even covetous men have sometimes their intervals of generosity.
Even doubtful accusations leave a stain behind them.
Even fools sometimes speak to the purpose.
Even ill luck itself is good for something in a wise man's hand.
Even reckoning keeps long friends.
Even sugar itself may spoil a good dish.
Even too much praise is a burden.
Evening oats are good morning fodder.
Ever drunk, ever dry.
Ever spare, ever bare.
Every age confutes old errors, and begets new.
Every ass loves to hear himself bray.
Every ass thinks himself worthy to stand with the king's horses.
Every bean hath its black.
Every bird is known by its feathers.
Every bird likes its own nest the best.
Every bird must hatch its own eggs.
Every blade of grass has its own drop of dew.
Every block will not make a Mercury.
Every body's business is nobody's business.
Every cook praises his own broth.
Every couple is not a pair.
Every cross hath its inscription.
Every day brings a new light.
Every day hath its night, every weal its woe.
Every dog hath its day, and every man his hour.
Every dog is a lion at home.
Every dog is valiant at his own door.
Every fool can find faults that a great many wise men can't remedy.
Every gap hath its bush.
Every good scholar is not a good schoolmaster.
Every heart hath its own ache.
Every herring must hang by its own gill.
Every horse thinks his own pack heaviest.
Every hour out of bed after midnight is a nail in your coffin.
Every light has its shadow.

Every light is not the sun.
Every man a little beyond himself is a fool.
Every man as his business lies.
Every man doth his own business best.
Every man hath his hobby horse.
Every man hath a fool in his sleeve.
Every man hath his lot.
Every man hath his own planet.
Every man hath his weak side.
Every man in his way.
Every man is a fool or a physician at forty.
Every man is best known to himself.
Every man is not born with a silver spoon in his mouth.
Every man is the architect of his own fortune.
Every man is the son of his own works.
Every man kens best where his own shoe pinches. (*Scotch.*)
Every man loves justice at another man's house; nobody cares for it at his own.
Every man must eat a peck of dirt before he dies.
Every man's neighbour is his looking-glass.
Every man's nose will not make a shoeing-horn.
Every man's tale is gude till anither's be tauld.
Every man thinks his own geese swans.
Every man wears his belt his ain gate.
Every man will shoot at the enemy, but few will fetch the shafts.
Every man wishes the water to his ain mill.
Every may-be hath a may-be not.
Every monster hath its multitudes.
Every mote doth not blind a man.
Every one can keep house better than her mother till she trieth.
Every one can tame a shrew but he that hath her.
Every one hath a penny for a new ale-house.
Every one is glad to see a knave caught in his own trap.
Every one is kin to the rich man.
Every one puts his faults on the times.
Every one should sweep before his own door.
Every one thinks himself able to advise another.
Every one's faults are not written on their foreheads.

Every path hath a puddle.
Every pea hath its vease, and a bean fifteen.
Every penny that's saved is not gotten.
Every plummet is not for every sound.
Every potter praises his own pot, and more if it be broken.
Every reed will not make a pipe.
Every scale hath its counterpoise.
Every scrap of a wise man's time is worth saving.
Every shoe fits not every foot.
Every sin carries its own punishment.
Every slip is not a fall.
Every sparrow to its ear of wheat.
Every thing comes to him who waits.
Every thing hath an end, and a pudding hath two.
Every thing hath its time, and that time must be watched.
Every thing is good in its season.
Every thing must have a beginning.
Every tide hath its ebb.
Every tub must stand upon its own bottom.
Every tub smells of the wine it holds.
Every vice fights against nature.
Every why has a wherefore.
Everybody's business is nobody's business.
Evil comes to us by ells and goes away by inches.
Evil communications corrupt good manners.
Evil gotten, evil spent.
Evil is soon believed.
Example is better than precept.
Excess of delight palls the appetite.
Excess of obligations may lose a friend.
Exchange is no robbery.
Expect nothing from him who promises a great deal. (*Ital.*)
Experience is good if not bought too dear.
Experience is the father of wisdom, and memory the mother.
Experience is the great baffler of speculation.
Experience is the mistress of fools.
Experience is the mother of science.
Experience keeps a dear school, but fools learn in no other.

Experience teacheth fools; and he is a great one that will not learn by it.
Experience without learning is better than learning without experience.
Extremes meet.

F.

Face to face, the truth comes out.
Fain would the cat fish eat, but she's loth to wet her feet.
Faint heart never won fair lady.
Faint praise is disparagement.
Fair and softly goes far in a day.
Fair chieve all where love trucks.
Fair faces need no paint.
Fair fall nothing once by the year.
Fair feathers make fair fowls.
Fair hair may hae foul roots.
Fair heights mak fools fain.
Fair is not fair, but that which pleaseth.
Fair play is good play.
Fair words and foul play cheat both young and old.
Fair words break no bone, but foul words many a one.
Fair words butter no parsnips.
Fair words fill not the belly, nor mind always.
Fair words please fools.
Faith sees by the ears.
Fall back, fall edge.
Fall not out with a friend for a trifle.
False folk should have many witnesses. (*Scotch.*)
False friends are worse than open enemies.
Fa'shood made ne'er a fair hinder end.
Fame is a magnifying glass.
Fame is but the breath of the people, and that often unwholesome.
Fame is in the keeping of the mob.
Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds. (*Socrates.*)
Fame, like a river, is narrowest at its source and broadest afar off.
Familiarity breeds contempt.
Fancy flees afore the wind.
Fancy may bolt bran, and think it flour.

Fancy may kill or cure.
Fancy surpasses beauty.
Fann'd fire, and forced love, never did well yet. (*Scotch.*)
Far-fetched and dear-bought is good for ladies.
Fast bind, fast find.
Fat drops fall from fat flesh.
Fat housekeepers make lean executors.
Fat paunches make lean pates.
Fat sorrow is better than lean sorrow.
Fate leads the willing, but drives the stubborn.
Faults are thick where love is thin.
Faults of ignorance are excusable only where the ignorance itself is so.
Faults that are rich are fair.
Fear can keep a man out of danger, but courage only can support him in it.
Fear is one part of prudence.
Fear is stronger than love.
Fear not the loss of the bell more than the loss of the steeple.
Feasting is the physician's harvest.
Feasting makes no friendship.
February makes a bridge, and March breaks it.
February sun is dearly won.
Feckless fowk are ay fain o' ane anither.
Feed a pig, and you'll have a hog.
Felicity eats up circumspection.
Felicity lies much in fancy.
Fetters of gold are still fetters, and silken cords pinch.
Few are fit to be entrusted with themselves.
Few hearts that are not double, few tongues that are not cloven.
Few leaves, and bad fruit.
Few men will be better than their interest bids them.
Few take wives for God's sake, or for fair looks.
Few there are that will endure a true friend.
Few things in the world will bear too much refining.
Few words are best.
Few words, many deeds.
Fields have eyes, and hedges ears.
Fill fu' an' hand fu' maks a stork man.
Fine a poor man sixpence, and not a bottle of wine.

Fine clothes oftentimes hide a base descent.
Fine clothes wear soonest out of fashion.
Fine cloth is never out of fashion.
Fine dressing is usually a foul house swept before the door.
Fine feathers make fine birds.
Fingers were made before forks, and hands before knives.
Fire and water are good servants, but bad masters.
Fire and water are not more necessary than friends are.
Fire is not to be quenched with tow.
First catch your hare.
First come, first served.
First creep, then go.
First deserve, and then desire.
Fish and guests smell at three days old.
Fish are not to be caught with a bird-call.
Fish must swim thrice—once in the water, once in the sauce, and a third time in wine in the stomach.
Fish spoils water, but flesh mends it.
Fishes are cast away that are cast into dry ponds.
Fishes follow the bait.
Flatterers haunt not cottages.
Flattery displays a braver flag than humility.
Flattery is like friendship in show, but not in fruit. (*Socrates.*)
Flattery sits in the parlour, when plain dealing is kicked out of doors.
Flesh never stands so high but a dog will venture his legs.
Fleying a bird is na the gate to grip it.
Folks' dogs bark worse than themselves.
Follow love and it will flee, flee love and it will follow thee.
Follow the river and you will get to sea.
Follow the wise few rather than the vulgar many. (*Ital.*)
Follow truth too close at the heels 'twill strike out your teeth.
Folly and learning often dwell together.
Folly, as well as wisdom, is justified by its children.
Folly is a bony dog.
Fond pride of dress is sure a very curse; ere fancy you consult, consult your purse.
Foolish fear doubleth danger.
Fools and madmen ought not to be left in their own company.

Fools and obstinate men make lawyers rich.
Fools and philosophers were made out of the same metal.
Fools are always resolute to make good their own folly.
Fools are fain o' flitting.
Fools are fain o' right nought.
Fools are not to be convinced.
Fools are pleased with their own blunders.
Fools are wise men in the affairs of women.
Fools build houses, and wise men buy them.
Fools cut their fingers, but wise men cut their thumbs.
Fools grow without watering.
Fool's haste is no speed.
Fools lade out all the water, and wise men take the fish.
Fools laugh at their own sport.
Fools live poor to die rich.
Fools make feasts, and wise men eat them.
Fools may ask more in an hour than wise men can answer in seven years.
Fools may sometimes give wise men counsel.
Fools refuse favours.
Fools set far trysts.
Fools set stools for wise men to stumble at.
Fools tie knots, and wise men loose them.
For a flying enemy make a silver bridge.
For a tint thing care na.
For age and want save while you may, no morning sun lasts a whole day.
For faut o' wise men fools sit on binks.
For ill do well, then fear not hell.
For luv of the nurse mony kiss the bairn.
For mad words deaf ears.
For one good turn another doth itch.
For one rich man that is content there are a hundred that are not.
For sovereign power all laws are broken. (*Span.*)
For that thou canst do thyself rely not on another.
For the rose the thorn is often plucked.
For want of a nail the shoe is lost; for want of a shoe the horse is lost; for want of a horse the man is lost.
Forbearance is no acquittance.
Forbid a fool a thing, and that he'll do.

Forbidden fruit is sweet.
Force without fore-cast is of little avail.
Fore-cast is better than work-hard.
Forewarn'd, fore-armed.
Forget others' faults by remembering your own.
Forgetting of a wrong is a mild revenge.
Forgive and forget.
Forgive any sooner than thyself.
Forsake not the market for the toll.
Fortitude is the mean between fear and rashness.
Fortune can take from us nothing but what she gave us.
Fortune dreads the brave, and is only terrible to the coward. (*Seneca.*)
Fortune favours the brave.
Fortune favours fools.
Fortune has no power over discretion. (*Solon.*)
Fortune helps them that help themselves.
Fortune is like the market, where if you bide your time, the price will fall.
Fortune knocks once at least at every man's gate.
Fortune often lends her smiles as churls do money, to undo the debtor.
Fortune often rewards with interest those that have patience to wait for her.
Fortune rarely brings good or evil singly.
Fortune sometimes favours those whom she afterwards destroys. (*Ital.*)
Fortune wearies with carrying one and the same man always.
Four eyes see more than two.
Foxes dig not their own holes.
Foxes never fare better than when they are curst.
Foxes, when they cannot reach the grapes, say they are not ripe.
Fraud and deceit are always in haste.
Freendship canna stand ay on ae side.
Fresh fish an' poor freends grow soon ill-faur'd.
Friday's noon is Sunday's doom.
Friends are like fiddle-strings, they must not be screwed too tight.
Friends are not so soon got or recovered as lost.

Friends are the nearest relations.
Friends got without desert will be lost without cause.
Friends need no formal invitation.
Friends tie their purse with a cobweb thread. (*Ital.*)
Friendship consists not in saying, What's the best news?
Friendship increases in visiting friends, but more in visiting them seldom.
Friendship is not to be bought at a fair.
Friendship is the perfection of love.
Friendship that flames, goes out in a flash.
Friendship, the older it grows, the stronger it is.
Friendships multiply joys, and divide griefs.
Frightening a bird is not the way to catch it.
From a bad paymaster get what you can.
From fame to infamy is a beaten road.
From hearing, comes wisdom; from speaking, repentance.
From many children and little bread, good Lord deliver us! (*Span.*)
From nothing, nothing can come. (*Fr.*)
From our ancestors come our names; but from our virtues our honours.
From prudence, peace; from peace, abundance. (*Ital.*)
From saving comes having.
Frost an' fa'shood hae baith a dirty wa'gang.
Frost and fraud have foul ends.
Frugality is an estate alone.
Fruit ripens not well in the shade.
Full bellies make empty skulls.
Full guts neither run well nor fight well.

G.

Gadding gossips shall dine on the pot-lid.
Gae shoe the geese.
Gain got by a lie will burn one's fingers.
Galled horses can't endure the comb.
Game is cheaper in the market than in the fields and woods.
Garlands are not for every brow.
Gather thistles, expect prickles.
Gear is easier gain'd than guided.
Generally we love ourselves more than we hate others.

Gentle paddocks hae lang taes.
Gentility without ability is worse than plain beggary.
Gentry by blood is bodily gentry.
Gentry sent to market will not buy one bushel of corn.
Get a name to rise early, and you may lie all day.
Get thy spindle and thy distaff ready, and God will send the flax.
Get what you can, and what you get hold, 'tis the stone that will turn all your lead into gold.
Getting out well is a quarter of the journey.
Gie ne'er the wolf the wedder to keep.
Gie o'er when the play is gude.
Giff gaffe was a good man, but he is soon weary.
Gifts make beggars bold.
Girn when ye knit, an' laugh when ye loose.
Give a child till he craves, and a dog while his tail doth wag, and you'll have a fair dog, but a foul knave.
Give a child his will, and a whelp his fill, and neither will thrive.
Give a clown your finger, and he'll take your whole hand.
Give a dog an ill name and you may as well hang him.
Give a loaf, and beg a shive.
Give a man luck, and throw him into the sea.
Give a new servant bread and eggs, but after a year bread and a cudgel. (*Span.*)
Give a poor man sixpence, and not a bottle of wine.
Give a thief rope enough, and he'll hang himself.
Give a thing and take again, and you shall ride in hell's wain.
Give advice to all; but be security for none.
Give and spend, and God will send.
Give even the devil his due.
Give him a Rowland for his Oliver.
Give him an inch, and he'll take an ell.
Give him but rope enough, and he'll hang himself.
Give losers leave to talk.
Give ne'er the wolf the wether to keep. (*Scotch.*)
Give neither counsel nor salt till you are asked for it.
Give not pearls to the hogs.
Give the devil his due.
Giving much to the poor doth increase a man's store.

Glasses and lasses are brittle ware.
Glowing coals sparkle oft.
Gnaw the bone which is fallen to thy lot.
Go down the ladder when thou marriest a wife; go up when thou choosest a friend.
Go farther, and fare worse.
Go forward and fall, go backward and mar all.
Go into the country to hear what news in town.
Go neither to a wedding nor a christening without invitation. (*Span.*)
Go not for every grief to the physician, for every quarrel to the lawyer, nor for every thirst to the pot.
Go slowly to the entertainments of thy friends, but quickly to their misfortunes. (*Chilo.*)
Go steal horse, and you'll die without being sick.
Go to bed with the lamb, and rise with the lark.
Goats are not sold at every fair.
God and men think him a fool who brags of his own great wisdom.
God arms the harmless.
God comes at last when we think he is farthest off.
God cometh with leaden feet, but striketh with iron hands.
God cures and the doctor takes the fee.
God defend you from the devil, the eye of a harlot, and the turn of a die. (*Span.*)
God deliver me from a man of one book.
God deprives him of bread who likes not his drink.
God giveth his wrath by weight, but his mercy without measure.
God grant me to contend with those that understand me.
God hath often a great share in a little house.
God help the poor, for the rich can help themselves. (*Scotch.*)
God help the rich, the poor can beg.
God helps those who help themselves.
God is always at leisure to do good to those that ask it.
God keep me from the man that hath but one thing to mind.
God knows who are the best pilgrims.
God loves good accounts.
God made us, and we wonder at it. (*Span.*)

God never sends mouths but he sends meat.
God, our parents, and our master, can never be requited.
God reaches us good things by our own hands.
God send me a friend that may tell me my faults; if not, an enemy, and to be sure he will.
God sends cold after clothes.
God sends corn and the devil mars the sack.
God sends meat, and the devil sends cooks.
God sends us of our own when rich men go to dinner.
God stays long, but strikes at last.
God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb. (*Fr.*)
God who made the world so wisely, as wisely governs it.
Gold and silver were mingled with dirt, till avarice parted them.
Gold goes in at any gate except heaven's.
Gold is no balm to a wounded spirit.
Gold, when present, causeth fear; when absent, grief.
Golden dreams make men awake hungry.
Gone is the goose that the great egg did lay.
Good actions carry their warrant with them.
Good ale is meat, drink, and cloth.
Good and quickly seldom meet.
Good at a distance, is better than evil at hand.
Good bargains are pick-pockets.
Good bees never turn to drones.
Good blood makes poor pudding without groats or suet.
Good cheap is dear at long run.
Good clothes open all doors.
Good coral needs no colouring.
Good counsel has no price. (*Ital.*)
Good counsel never comes amiss.
Good deeds remain, all things else perish.
Good enough is never ought.
Good for the liver may be bad for the spleen.
Good harvests make men prodigal, bad ones provident.
Good health is above wealth.
Good husbandry is good divinity.
Good is good, but better carrieth it.
Good jests bite like lambs, not like dogs.
Good kail is half-a meal.
Good kings never make war, but for the sake of peace.

Good language cures great sores.
Good laws often proceed from bad manners.
Good luck comes by cuffing.
Good luck reaches farther than long arms.
Good men must die, but death cannot kill their names.
Good men want the laws only for their defence.
Good nature is a great misfortune if it want prudence.
Good nature is the proper soil upon which virtue grows.
Good nature without prudence, is foolishness.
Good neighbours and true friends are two things.
Good offices are the cement of society.
Good paymasters need not bring a pawn.
Good preachers give fruits and not flowers. (*Ital.*)
Good purposes should be the directors of good actions, not the apology for bad.
Good riding at two anchors men have told, for if one break the other may hold.
Good swimmers are oftenest drowned.
Good take heed doth surely speed.
Good that comes too late, is good as nothing.
Good, though long stayed for, is good.
Good to begin well, better to end well.
Good to fetch a sick man sorrow and a dead man woe.
Good ware makes a quick market.
Good watch prevents misfortune.
Good weight and measure is heaven's treasure.
Good wine needs no bush.
Good words cool more than cold water.
Good words cost nothing, but are worth much.
Good words fill not a sack.
Good works will never save you; but you cannot be saved without them.
Goods are theirs only who enjoy them.
Goose and gander and gosling are three sounds, but one thing.
Goslings lead the geese to water.
Gossiping and lying go together.
Gossips and tale-bearers set on fire all the houses they enter.
Government of the will is better than increase of knowledge.
Grace will last, favour will blast.
Grandfather's servants are never good.

Grasp all, lose all.
Grasp no more than thy hand will hold.
Grass grows not upon the highway.
Gratefulness is the poor man's payment.
Gratitude is the least of virtues, but ingratitude the worst of vices.
Gratitude preserves old friendship, and procures new.
Great and good are seldom the same.
Great birth is a very poor dish at table.
Great boast, small roast.
Great bodies move slowly.
Great braggers little doers.
Great designs require great consideration.
Great engines turn on small pivots.
Great gain makes work easy.
Great gifts are for great men.
Great honours and avarice fly one another.
Great hopes make great men.
Great marks are soonest hit.
Great men have more adorers than friends.
Great men's vices are accounted sacred.
Great minds and great fortunes don't always go together.
Great minds are easy in prosperity, and quiet in adversity.
Great pain and little gain make a man soon weary.
Great persons seldom see their faces in a true glass.
Great ships require deep waters.
Great spenders are bad lenders.
Great talkers are like leaky pitchers, everything runs out of them.
Great trees keep down the little ones.
Great wealth and content seldom live together.
Great weights may hang on small wires.
Great wits to madness sure are near allied, and thin partitions do their bounds divide.
Green wood makes a hot fire.
Grey and green make the worst medley.
Grey hairs are death's blossoms.
Grieving for misfortunes is adding gall to wormwood.
Gude cheer an' gude cheap gars mony haunt the house.
Gude fowk are scarce, tak care o' ane.
Gude-will shou'd be ta'en in part o' payment.

Guests that come by daylight are best received.
Guilt is always jealous.
Gut nae fish till ye get them.

H.

Ha binks are sliddery.
Hae God, hae a'.
Hae ye gear, hae ye nane, tine heart, an' a's gane.
Ha'f a tale is enough for a wise man.
Ha'f anch, is ha'f fill.
Half a loaf is better than no bread.
Half an acre is good land.
Half-witted folks speak much and say little.
Halt not before a cripple.
Hand in use is father o' lear.
Handle the puding while it's hat.
Handsome is that handsome does.
Hang a dog on a crab tree and he will never love verjuice.
Hang him that hath no shift, and him that hath one too many.
Hang hunger an' drown drouth.
Hang not all your bells upon one horse.
Hanging and wiving go by destiny.
Hap an' ha'penny is warld's gear enough.
Happy go lucky.
Happy is he that is happy in his children.
Happy is he that serveth the happy.
Happy is he who hath sowed his wild oats betimes.
Happy is he whose friends were born before him.
Happy is the bride the sun shines on, and the corpse the rains rains on.
Happy is the child whose father went to the devil.
Happy is the man who sees his folly in his youth.
Happy men shall have many friends.
Happy's the wooing, that's not long in doing.
Hard fare makes hungry bellies.
Hard with hard makes not the stone wall.
Harm watch, harm catch.
Have a place for everything and have everything in its place.

Harvest comes not every day, though it comes every year.
Haste makes waste, and waste make want, and want makes strife between the goodman and his wife.
Haste trips up its own heels.
Hasty climbers have sudden falls.
Hasty gamesters oversee themselves.
Hasty glory goes out in a snuff.
Hasty people will never make good midwives.
Hat luve an' hasty vengeance.
Hatred is blind as well as love.
Have a horse of thine own, and thou may'st borrow another's.
Have but few friends, though much acquaintance.
Have not thy cloak to make when it begins to rain.
He bears misery best that hides it most.
He bears poverty very ill who is ashamed of it.
He begs a blessing of a wooden god.
He begs at them that borrowed at him.
He benefits himself that doth good to others.
He best keeps from anger, who remembers that God is always looking upon him. (*Plato.*)
He bestows his gifts as broom doth honey.
He breeds o' the gaet that casts a down at e'en.
He can give little to his servant who licks his own trencher.
He can ill pipe who wants his upper lip.
He can never be God's martyr, that is the devil's servant.
He cannot be a gentleman that loveth not a dog.
He cannot be good, that knows not why he is good.
He cannot speak well, that cannot hold his tongue.
He commands enough that obeyeth a wise man.
He confesseth himself guilty, who refuseth to come to trial.
He conquers twice who conquers himself in victory. (*Publius Syrus.*)
He dances well to whom fortune pipes.
He declares himself guilty, who justifies himself before accusation.
He denies himself, who asks what it is impossible to grant. (*Publius Syrus.*)
He deserves not sweet, that will not taste of sour.
He dies like a beast who has done no good while he lived.
He distrusts his own faith who often swears. (*Ital.*)

He does bounty an injury, who shows her so much as to be laughed at.
He does na ride when he saddles his horse.
He does not believe, that does not live according to his belief.
He doth much, that doth a thing well.
He doubles his gift who gives in time.
He dwells afar from neighbours, who is fain to praise himself.
He fasts enough that has a bad meal.
He fasts enough whose wife scolds all dinner-time.
He feeds like a freeholder of Macclesfield, who hath neither corn nor hay at Michaelmas.
He gangs early to steal that canna say na.
He getteth a great deal of credit, who payeth but a small debt.
He giveth twice that gives in a trice.
He goes a great voyage, that goes to the bottom of the sea.
He goes not out of his way, that goes to a good inn.
He had need of a long spoon that sups with the devil.
He had need rise betimes, who would please every body.
He has a great fancy to marry, that goes to the devil for a wife.
He has but a short Lent that must pay money at Easter.
He has but sorry food that feeds upon the faults of others.
He has great need of a wife that marries mamma's darling.
He has most share in the wedding that lies with the bride.
He has riches enough, who needs neither borrow nor flatter.
He has the greatest blind-side, who thinks he has none.
He hath a good judgment, that relieth not wholly on his own.
He hath conquered well that hath made his enemies fly.
He hath liv'd ill that knows not how to die well.
He hath made a good progress in a business, that hath thought well of it before-hand.
He hath no mean portion of virtue that loveth it in another.
He hath not lost all who hath one throw to cast.
He hath slept well that remembers not he slept ill.
He is above his enemies that despises their injuries.
He is a good orator who convinces himself.
He is a sairy cook that mauna lick his ain fingers.

He is a slave of the greatest slave, who serveth nothing but himself.
He is a weak horse that mauna bear the sadle.
He is a worthless being who lives only for himself. (*Publius Syrus.*)
He is an Aberdeen's man that taks his word again.
He is an airy beggar that mauna gang by ae man's door.
He is an ill guest that never drinks to his host.
He is an ill keeper of honey who tastes it not.
He is blind enough who sees not through the holes of a sieve.
He is blind that eats marrow, but he is blinder that lets him.
He is doubly sinful who congratulates a successful knave. (*Publius Syrus.*)
He is false by nature that has a black head and a red beard.
He is fool enough himself, who will bray against another ass.
He is gude that failed ne'er.
He is half a king who has the king's good graces. (*Ital.*)
He is handsome that handsome doth.
He is happy that knoweth not himself to be otherwise.
He is idle that might be better employed.
He is in great danger, who being sick thinks himself well.
He is lifeless that is faultless.
He is miserable once who feels it, but twice who fears it before it comes.
He is more noble that deserves, than he that confers benefits.
He is my friend that succoureth me, not he that pitieth me.
He is na the best wright that hews maist speals.
He is na the fool that the fool is, but he that wi' the fool deals.
He is never alone that is in the company of noble thoughts.
He is never likely to have a good thing cheap that is afraid to ask a price.
He is noble that hath noble conditions.
He is no great heir that inherits not his ancestors' virtues.
He is not a wise man who cannot play the fool on occasion.
He is not drunk gratis, who pays his reason for his shot.
He is not fit for riches, who is afraid to use them.
He is not good himself, who speaks well of every body alike.

He is not laughed at, that laughs at himself first.
He is not poor that hath not much, but he that craves much.
He is not wise who is not wise for himself.
He is poor indeed that can promise nothing.
He is proper that hath proper conditions.
He is rich that is satisfied.
He is richest who is contented with least; for content is the wealth of a nation.
He is sufficiently learned, that knows how to do well, and has power enough to refrain from evil. (*Cicero.*)
He is the best gentleman that is the son of his own deserts.
He is the wretch that does the injury, not he that endures it.
He is truly rich, who desires nothing; and he is truly poor, who covets all. (*Solon.*)
He is twice fain that sits on a stane.
He is unworthy to live who lives only for himself.
He is weel easit that has aught o' his ain when ithers gang to meat.
He is well constituted who grieves not for what he has not, and rejoices for what he has. (*Democritus.*)
He is well onward in the way of wisdom, who can bear a reproof and mend by it.
He is wise enough that can keep himself warm.
He is wise that hath wit enough for his own affairs.
He is wise that is honest.
He is wise that is ware in time.
He is wise that when he is weel can had him sae.
He is wise wha can mak a freend o' a fae.
He is worth nae weel that can bide nae wae.
He keeps his road well enough who gets rid of bad company.
He kills a man that saves not his life when he can.
He knows best what good is that has endured evil.
He lives long that lives till all are weary of him.
He lives longest that is awake most hours.
He liveth long that liveth well.
He loos me for little that hates me for nought.
He loses his thanks who promises and delays.
He loses many a good bit that strives with his betters.
He loseth indeed that loseth at last.
He loseth nothing that keepeth God for his friend.

He loves mutton well that eats the wool.
He loves roast meat well that licks the spit.
He maun hae leave to speak that canna had his tongue.
He may find fault that canna mend.
He may freely receive courtesies that knows how to requite them.
He may hope for the best that's prepared for the worst.
He may ill run that cannot go.
He may very well be contented that need not lie nor flatter.
He merits no thanks that does a kindness for his own end.
He must be a sad fellow that nobody can please.
He must be a wise man himself, who is capable of distinguishing one. (*Diogenes.*)
He must have iron nails that scratcheth with a bear.
He must have leave to speak, who cannot hold his tongue.
He must needs go whom the devil drives.
He must needs swim that's held up by the chin.
He must not talk of running that cannot go.
He must stoop that hath a low door.
He needs little advice that is lucky.
He never broke his hour that kept his day.
He never wrought a good day's work that went grumbling about it.
He overcomes a stout enemy, that overcomes his own anger. (*Chilo.*)
He plaints early that plaints o' his kail.
He plays well that wins.
He preaches well that lives well.
He preacheth patience that never knew pain.
He rises o'er early that is hang'd ere noon.
He rode sure indeed, that never caught a fall.
He runs far that never turns.
He shall have enough to do, who studies to please fools.
He shou'd wear iron shoon that bides his neeghbour's death.
He sits not sure that sits too high.
He sups ill, who eats up all at dinner.
He teaches me to be good that does me good.
He teacheth ill that teacheth all.
He that always complains is never pitied.
He that always fears danger always feels it.

He that asketh a courtesy promiseth a kindness.
He that asketh faintly beggeth a denial.
He that banquets every day never makes a good meal.
He that beareth a torch shadoweth himself to give light to others.
He that bestoweth but a bone on thee would not have thee die.
He that bites on every weed may light on poison.
He that blaws best bears awa' the horn.
He that blows in the dust fills his own eyes.
He that boasteth of himself affronteth his company.
He that boasteth of his ancestors, confesseth he hath no virtue of his own.
He that boasts of his own knowledge proclaims his ignorance.
He that borrows an' bigs, make feasts an' thigs, drinks an' is na dry, these three are na thrifty.
He that borrows must pay again with shame or loss.
He that bringeth a present, findeth the door open.
He that brings up his son to nothing breeds a thief.
He that builds a house by the highway side, it is either too high or too low.
He that builds castles in the air will soon have no land.
He that buyeth magistracy must sell justice.
He that buys a house ready wrought, hath many a pin and nail for nought.
He that buys and lies shall feel it in his purse.
He that buys and sells is called a merchant.
He that buys land buys many stones, he that buys flesh buys many bones. He that buys eggs buys many shells, but he that buys good ale buys nothing else.
He that buys lawn before he can fold it, shall repent him before he have sold it.
He that by the plough would thrive, himself must either hold or drive.
He that can read and meditate, will not find his evenings long, or life tedious.
He that can reply calmly to an angry man is too hard for him.
He that canna mak sport shou'd mar nane.
He that canna abide a bad market deserves not a good one.
He that cannot conceal his own shame will not conceal another's.

He that cannot find wherewith to employ himself, let him buy a ship or marry a wife. (*Span.*)
He that cannot pay let him pray.
He that can't ride a gentle horse, must not attempt to back a mad colt.
He that casteth all doubts shall never be resolved.
He that ceaseth to be a friend never was a good one.
He that chastiseth one amendeth many.
He that cheateth in small things is a fool, but in great things is a rogue.
He that cheats me anes, shame fa' him; if he cheats me twice, shame fa' me.
He that comes after, sees with more eyes than his own.
He that comes first to the ha' may sit whar he will.
He that comes last, makes all fast.
He that commandeth well shall be obey'd well.
He that contemplates on his bed hath a day without a night.
He that converses not, knows nothing.
He that considers in prosperity, will be less afflicted in adversity.
He that could know what would be dear, need be a merchant but one year.
He that counts a' costs will ne'er put plough i' the yerd.
He that counts but his host counts twice.
He that crabs without cause shall meat without mends.
He that cuts himself wilfully deserves no balsam.
He that dallies with his enemy gives him leave to kill him.
He that dares not venture must not complain of ill luck.
He that deals in dirt has ay foul fingers.
He that defends an injury is next to him that commits it.
He that desires but little has no need of much.
He that despises shame wants a bridle.
He that died half a year ago is as dead as Adam.
He that dies troubles his parents but once, but he that lives ill torments them perpetually.
He that dies pays all debts.
He that does anything for the public is accounted to do it for nobody.
He that does bidding 'serves na dinging.
He that does his turn in time sits ha'f idle.
He that does ill hates the light.

He that does you a very ill turn will never forgive you.
He that doeth his own business hurteth not his hand.
He that doth good for praise only, meriteth but a puff of wind.
He that doth lend, doth lose his friend.
He that doth most at once doth least.
He that doth well wearieth not himself.
He that doth what he will, oft doth not what he ought.
He that eats most porridge shall have most meat.
He that eats the king's geese shall be chok'd with the feathers.
He that eats till he is sick must fast till he is well.
He that eats well and drinks well, should do his duty well.
He that eats while he lasts, will be the war while he die.
He that endureth is not overcome.
He that falls in the dirt, the longer he lies the dirtier he is.
He that falls to-day may be up again to-morrow.
He that feareth every bush must never go a-birding.
He that fears danger in time seldom feels it.
He that fears leaves must not come into a wood.
He that fears not the future may enjoy the present.
He that fears you present will hate you absent.
He that feasteth a flatterer and a slanderer, dineth with two devils.
He that feeds upon charity has a cold dinner and no supper.
He that fights and runs away, may live to fight another day.
He that finds a thing steals it if he endeavours not to restore it.
He that first came is not sure to be first served.
He that fishes afore the net, lang 'ere fish get.
He that flings dirt at another dirtieth himself most.
He that follows nature is never out of his way.
He that forsakes missour, missour forsakes him.
He that gapeth until he be fed, well may he gape until he be dead.
He that gets an estate will probably never spend it.
He that gets forgets, but he that wants thinks on.
He that gets money before he gets wit, will be but a short while master of it.
He that gets out of debt, grows rich.

He that gives himself leave to play with his neighbour's fame, may soon play it away.
He that gives his goods before he be dead, take up a mallet and knock him on the head.
He that gives his heart will not deny his money.
He that gives honour to his enemy is like to an ass.
He that gives time to resolve, gives time to deny, and warning to prevent.
He that gives to a grateful man puts out to usury.
He that gives to be seen will relieve none in the dark.
He that giveth customarily to the vulgar, buyeth trouble.
He that giveth to a good man selleth well.
He that goes a borrowing, goes a sorrowing.
He that goes softly goes safely.
He that goes the contrary way must go over it twice.
He that goes to bed thirsty rises healthy.
He that goeth out with often loss, at last comes home by weeping cross.
He that grasps at too much holds nothing fast.
He that gropes in the dark finds what he would not.
He that handles a nettle tenderly is soonest stung.
He that handles pitch shall foul his fingers.
He that handles thorns shall smart for it.
He that has a great nose thinks every body is speaking of it.
He that has a gude crap may thole some thistles.
He that has an hundred and one, and owes an hundred and two, the Lord have mercy upon him.
He that has an ill name is half hang'd.
He that has but four and spends five, has no need of a purse.
He that has but one eye had need look well to that.
He that has but one hog, makes him fat, and he that has but one son, makes him a fool.
He that has feather'd his nest may fly when he will.
He that has led a wicked life is afraid of his own memory.
He that has meikle wa'd aye hae mair.
He that has most time has none to lose.
He that has lost his credit is dead to the world.
He that has na gear to tine has shins to pine.
He that has no charity merits no mercy.
He that has no children knows not what is love.

He that has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family, was begot by a flash of lightning.
He that has no head deserves not a laced hat.
He that has no heart ought to have heels.
He that has no modesty has all the town for his own.
He that has no silver in his purse, should have silver on his tongue.
He that has nothing is frighted at nothing.
He that has nothing to spare must not keep a dog.
He that has store of bread may beg his milk merrily.
He that has the worst cause makes the most noise.
He that hath a fellow-ruler, hath an over-ruler.
He that hath a good harvest may be content with some thistles.
He that hath a head made of glass must not throw stones at another.
He that hath a head of wax must not walk in the sun.
He that hath a mouth of his own should not say to another, blow.
He that hath a white horse and a fair wife, never wants trouble.
He that hath a wife and children wants no business.
He that hath a wife and children must not sit with his fingers in his mouth.
He that hath an ill name is half hanged.
He that hath been bitten by a serpent is afraid of a rope.
He that hath but little, he shall have less; and he that hath right nought shall right nought possess.
He that hath eaten a bear pie will always smell of the garden.
He that hath good corn may be content with some thistles.
He that hath love in his breast hath spurs at his heels.
He that hath many irons in the fire some of them will cool.
He that hath no money needeth no purse.
He that hath one of his family hanged, may not say to his neighbour, Hang up this fish.
He that hath shipped the devil must make the best of him.
He that hath some land must have some labour.
He that hath time, and looketh for more, loseth time.
He that hears much, and speaks not all, shall be welcome both in bower and hall.

He that helpeth the evil hurteth the good.
He that hews above his height may have chips in his eyes.
He that hires one garden eats birds; he that hires more than one will be eaten by the birds.
He that hires the horse must ride before.
He that hoardeth up money taketh pains for other men.
He that hopes no good fears no ill.
He that hinders not a mischief when it is in his power, is guilty of it.
He that ill does ne'er gude weens.
He that imagines he hath knowledge enough hath none.
He that invented the maiden first hanselled it. (*Scotch.*)
He that is a wise man by day is no fool by night.
He that is angry is seldom at ease.
He that is born to be hanged shall never be drowned.
He that is busy is tempted but by one devil; he that is idle, by a legion.
He that is carried down the torrent catcheth at every thing.
He that is dispos'd for mischief will never want occasion.
He that is down need fear no fall.
He that is far frae his gear is near his skaith.
He that is giddy thinks the world turns round.
He that is hated o' his subjects, canna be a king.
He that is ill o' his harbory is gude o' the waykenning.
He that is ill to himself will be good to nobody. (*Scotch*).
He that is innocent may well be confident.
He that is kinder than he was wont, hath a design upon thee.
He that is known to have no money has neither friends nor credit.
He that is master of himself will soon be master of others.
He that is needy when he is married, shall be rich when he is buried.
He that is not above an injury is below himself.
He that is not sensible of his loss has lost nothing.
He that is only his own pupil shall have a fool to his tutor.
He that is open to flattery is fenced against admonition.
He that is poor all his kindred scorn him, he that is rich all are kin to him.
He that is proud of his fine clothes gets his reputation from his tailor.

He that is red for windlestraws shou'd na sleep in lees.
He that is silent gathers stones.
He that is suffered to do more than is fitting, will do more than is lawful.
He that is surety for another is never sure himself.
He that is too proud to ask is too good to receive.
He that is too secure is not safe.
He that is thrown would ever wrestle.
He that is uneasy at every little pain is never without some ache.
He that is well sheltered is a fool if he stirs out into the rain.
He that is won with a nut may be lost with an apple.
He that is worst may still hold the candle.
He that keeps up his riches and lives poorly, is like an ass that carries gold, and eats thistles.
He that kills a man when he's drunk must be hang'd when he's sober.
He that kills himself with working must be buried under the gallows.
He that knows when to speak, knows too when to be silent. (*Archimedes.*)
He that knows least commonly presumes most.
He that knows little soon repeats it.
He that knows not how to hold his tongue, knows not how to talk.
He that labours and thrives spins gold.
He that laughs at his ain joke spoils the sport o't.
He that laughs alone will be sport in company.
He that leaves certainty, and trusts to chance, when fools pipe he may dance.
He that leaves the highway for a short cut commonly goes about.
He that lets his fish escape, may cast his net often, yet never catch it again.
He that listens for what people say of him shall never have peace.
He that livës a knave will hardly die an honest man.
He that lives long suffers much.
He that lives not well one year, sorrows for it seven.
He that lives on hope has but a slender diet.

He that lives with the muses shall die in the straw.
He that liveth in hope danceth without a fiddle.
He that looks for a requital, serves himself, not me.
He that looks na ere he loup will fa' ere he wit o' himsel.
He that looks too nicely into things never lives easy.
He that loseth his wife and a farthing hath a great loss of a farthing.
He that makes a good war makes a good peace.
He that makes a question where there is no doubt, must make an answer where there is no reason.
He that makes himself an ass, must not take it ill if men ride him.
He that makes himself a sheep shall be eaten by the wolf.
He that makes one basket may make a hundred.
He that makes the shoe can't tan the leather.
He that maketh a fire of straw hath much smoke, and but little warmth.
He that marrieth for wealth sells his liberty.
He that may na as he wa'd, maun do as he may.
He that measureth oil, shall anoint his fingers.
He that mindeth not his own business shall never be trusted with mine.
He that nothing questioneth nothing learneth.
He that overcomes his passions overcomes his greatest enemies.
He that overfeeds his senses feasteth his enemies.
He that passeth a winter's day escapes an enemy.
He that payeth before hand shall have his work ill done.
He that pays last never pays twice.
He that pitieth another remembereth himself.
He that plants trees loves others besides himself.
He that plays more than he sees, forfeits his eyes to the king.
He that praiseth bestows a favour, he that detracts commits a robbery.
He that praiseth publicly will slander privately.
He that prepares for ill, gives the blow a meeting, and breaks its stroke.
He that promises too much means nothing.
He that protects an ill man may live to repent it.
He that pryeth into the clouds may be struck with a thunderbolt.

He that puts on a public gown must put off a private person.
He that reckoneth before his host must reckon again.
He that regardeth not his reputation, despiseth virtue.
He that regards not a penny will lavish a pound.
He that refuseth praise the first time does it because he would have it the second.
He that thinks too much of his virtues, bids others think of his vices.
He that repents of a fault upon right grounds, is almost innocent.
He that requites a benefit pays a great debt.
He that returns a good for evil obtains the victory.
He that rewards flattery, begs it.
He that runs fast will not run long.
He that runs fastest gets the ring.
He that runs out by extravagancy, must retrieve by parsimony.
He that saveth his dinner will have the more for supper.
He that scattereth thorns must not go barefoot.
He that scoffs at the crooked had need go very upright himself.
He that seeks a' opinions, comes ill speed.
He that seeks danger perisheth therein unpitied.
He that seeks mots, gets mots.
He that seeks trouble it were a pity he should miss it. (*Scotch.*)
He that serves everybody is paid by nobody.
He that serves well need not be afraid to ask his wages.
He that shames let him be shent.
He that sharply chides is the most ready to pardon.
He that shews a passion, tells his enemy where he may hit him.
He that shews his purse, longs to be rid of it.
He that shippeth the devil must make the best of him.
He that shoots always right forfeits his arrow.
He that sits to work in the market-place shall have many teachers.
He that sows in the highway tires his oxen, and loseth his corn.
He that sows iniquity shall reap sorrow.
He that sows thistles shall reap prickles.

He that spares the bad injures the good.
He that spares when he is young, may spend when he is old.
He that speaks ill of his wife dishonoureth himself.
He that speaks lavishly, shall hear as knavishly.
He that speaks me fair and loves me not, I'll speak him fair and trust him not.
He that speaks, sows; he that hears, reaps.
He that speaks the things he should na, hears the things he wa'd na.
He that speaks without care, shall remember with sorrow.
He that spends without regard shall want without pity.
He that stays in the valley shall never get over the hill.
He that steals can hide.
He that strikes my dog, would strike me if he durst.
He that strikes with his tongue must ward with his head.
He that strikes with the sword shall be beaten with the scabbard.
He that stumbles, and falls not quite, gains a step.
He that sups upon salad goes not to bed fasting.
He that sweareth falsely, denieth God.
He that takes no care of himself must not expect it from others.
He that takes not up a pin slights his wife.
He that takes the devil into his boat must carry him over the sound.
He that takes too great a leap falls into the ditch.
He that talks to himself, talks to a fool.
He that teaches himself has a fool for his master.
He that tells a lie buffeteth himself.
He that tells his wife news, is but lately married.
He that the devil drives feels no lead at his heels.
He that thinks his business below him, will always be above his business.
He that travels far knows much.
He that trusteth to the world is sure to be deceived.
He that trusts to borrowed ploughs will have his land lie fallow.
He that twa huirds is able to get the third.
He that wad eat the kernel maun crack the nut.
He that waits for dead men's shoes may go long enough barefoot.

He that waits upon another's trencher, makes many a little dinner.
He that walketh with the virtuous is one of them.
He that wants health wants everything. (*Fr.*)
He that wants hope is the poorest man alive.
He that weighs the wind must have a steady hand.
He that will conquer must fight.
He that will deceive the fox must rise betimes.
He that will enter Paradise must come with a right key.
He that will have no trouble in this world must not be born in it.
He that will have the kernel must crack the shell.
He that will make a door of gold must knock in a nail every day.
He that will meddle with all things may go shoe the goslings.
He that will not go over the stile must be thrust through the gate.
He that will not bear the itch must endure the smart.
He that will not be counselled cannot be helped.
He that will not be ruled by his own dame, must be ruled by his stepdame.
He that will not be saved needs no sermon.
He that will not look before him must look behind him. (*Gaelic.*)
He that will not when he may, when he wills shall have nay.
He that will steal a pin will steal a better thing.
He that will steal an egg will steal an ox.
He that will thrive, must rise at five; he that hath thriven may lie till seven.
He that winna when he may, shanna when he wa'd.
He that worketh wickedness by another is wicked himself.
He that would be a head let him be a bridge.
He that would be well served must know when to change his servants.
He that by the plough would thrive, himself must either hold or drive.
He that would do no ill, must do all good, or sit still.
He that would eat a good dinner, let him eat a good breakfast.
He that would England win, must with Ireland first begin.

He that would have a bad morning may walk out in a fog after a frost.
He that would have good luck in horses, must kiss the parson's wife.
He that would have the fruit must climb the tree.
He that would know what shall be, must consider what hath been.
He that would learn to pray, let him go to sea.
He that would live for aye, must eat sage in May.
He that would live in peace and rest, must hear, and see, and say the best.
He that would please all, and himself too, undertakes what he cannot do.
He that would rightly understand a man, must read his whole story.
He that would the daughter win, must with the mother first begin.
He that would thrive by law must see his enemy's counsel as well as his own.
He that's afraid of the wagging of feathers, must keep from among wild fowl.
He that's afraid of wounds must not come nigh a battle.
He that's afraid to do good would do ill if he durst.
He that's always shooting, must sometimes hit.
He that's angry without a cause must be pleased without amends.
He that's carried down the stream needs not row.
He that's cheated twice by the same man is an accomplice with the cheater.
He that's down, down with him, cries the world.
He that's full, takes no care for him that's fasting.
He that's ill to himself will be good to nobody.
He threatens many that is injurious to one.
He tint ne'er a cow that grat for a needle.
He toils like a dog in a wheel, who roasts meat for other people's eating.
He to whom God gave no sons, the devil gives nephews. (*Span.*)
He who avoids the temptation avoids the sin. (*Span.*)
He who beggeth for others is contriving for himself.
He who buys and sells does not miss what he spends.

He who cannot counterfeit a friend, can never be a dangerous enemy.

He who commences many things, finishes but few. (*Ital.*)

He who converses with nobody, is either a brute or an angel.

He who deals with a blockhead will have need of much brains. (*Span.*)

He who depends on another, dines ill and sups worse.

He who desireth to sleep soundly, let him buy the bed of a bankrupt.

He who despises his own life is master of that of others. (*Ital.*)

He who does not honour his wife dishonours himself. (*Span.*)

He who doth not rise early never does a good day's work.

He who doth his own business, defileth not his fingers. (*Ital.*)

He who doth the injury never forgives the injured man.

He who eats the meat, let him pick the bone. (*Span.*)

He who fasteth and doeth no good, saveth his bread, but loseth his soul.

He who fears death has already lost the life he covets. (*Cato.*)

He who findeth fault meaneth to buy.

He who follows his own advice must take the consequences. (*Span.*)

He who gets doth much, but he who keeps doth more.

He who gives fair words feeds you with an empty spoon.

He who gives to the public gives to no one. (*Span.*)

He who greases his wheels helps his oxen.

He who has an art, has everywhere a part. (*Ital.*)

He who has but one coat cannot lend it. (*Span.*)

He who has no shame has no conscience. (*Span.*)

He who has not bread to spare should not keep a dog. (*Span.*)

He who hath a trade hath a share everywhere.

He who hath an ill cause let him sell it cheap.

He who hath bitter in his breast spits not sweet.

He who hath done ill once will do it again.

He who hath good health is young; and he is rich who owes nothing.

He who hath much pease may put the more in the pot.

He who hath no ill-fortune, is cloyed with good.

He who is ashamed of his calling, ever liveth shamefully in it.

He who is born a fool is never cured.

He who is the offender, is never the forgiver.

He who is wanting but to one friend, loseth a great many by it.

He who is well and seeks ill, if it comes God help him. (*Span.*)

He who killeth a lion when absent, feareth a mouse when present.

He who knows himself best esteems himself least.

He who knows nothing is confident in everything.

He who laugheth too much, hath the nature of a fool; he that laugheth not at all, hath the nature of an old cat.

He who lies long in bed his estate feels it.

He who lives after nature, shall never be poor; after opinion, shall never be rich. (*Seneca.*)

He who loses money, loses much; he who loses a friend, loses more; but he who loses his spirits, loses all. (*Span.*)

He who marries a widow will often have a dead man's head thrown in his dish.

He who marrieth does well, but he who marrieth not, better.

He who never was sick, dies the first fit.

He who once hits will be ever shooting.

He who oweth is all in the wrong.

He who pays the piper calls the tune.

He who peeps through a hole may see what will vex him.

He who plants a walnut-tree, expects not to eat of the fruit.

He who promises runs in debt.

He who repeats the ill he hears of another is the true slanderer.

He who revealeth his secret, maketh himself a slave.

He who rides behind another does not travel when he pleases. (*Span.*)

He who says what he likes, hears what he does not like. (*Span.*)

He who serves the public hath but a scurvy master.

He who shares has the worst share. (*Span.*)

He who shareth honey with the bear, hath the least part of it.

He who sows thorns will never reap grapes.
He who spends more than he should, shall not have to spend when he would.
He who stumbles twice over one stone, deserves to break his shins. (*Span.*)
He who swells in prosperity will shrink in adversity.
He who thinks he knows the most knows the least. (*Ital.*)
He who threateneth, hunteth after a revenge.
He who trusteth not, is not deceived.
He who trusts all things to chance, makes a lottery of his life.
He who wants content, can't find an easy chair.
He who will be his own master, often hath a fool for his scholar.
He who will have no judge but himself, condemns himself.
He who will stop every man's mouth, must have a great deal of meal.
He who would catch fish must not mind getting wet. (*Span.*)
He who would have a hare for breakfast, must hunt over night.
He will ill catch a bird flying, that cannot keep his own in a cage.
He will never get to heaven that desires to go hither alone.
He would live as long as old Rosse of Pottern, who lived till all the world was weary of him.
He wrongs not an old man who steals his supper from him.
He'll make an ill rinner that canna gang.
He'll ne'er get a pennyworth that is afraid to ask the price.
He's a friend to none that is a friend to all.
He's a good friend that speaks well of us behind our backs.
He's a good man whom fortune makes better.
He's a wise man that can wear poverty decently.
He's a wise man that leads passion by the bridle.
He's a wise man, who can make a friend of a foe.
He's a wise man, who, when he's well off, can keep so.
He's an ill cook that can't lick his own fingers.
He's miserable indeed that must lock up his miseries.
He's my friend that grindeth at my mill.
He's not the best carpenter that makes the most chips.
Health is better than wealth.
Health is not valued till sickness comes.

Health without wealth is half a sickness.
Hear a' parties.
Hear twice before you speak once.
Hearts may agree, though heads differ.
Heaven is mine if God doth say Amen.
Heaven will make amends for all.
Heaven without good society cannot be heaven.
Hedgehogs lodge among thorns, because they themselves are prickly.
Hedges have eyes and walls have ears.
Hell and chancery are always open.
Hell is full of good meanings and wishes, but heaven is full of good works.
Hell is full of the ungrateful.
Hell is wherever heaven is not.
Help the lame dog over the stile.
Hide nothing from thy minister, physician, and lawyer.
Hiders are good finders.
High buildings have a low foundation.
High-flying hawks are fit for princes.
High places have their precipices.
High regions are never without storms.
High ways and streets have not all the thieves; shops have ten for one.
High winds blow on high hills.
Hold your hands off other folks' bairns, till you get some of your own. (*Scotch.*)
Holding an eel too fast is the way to let it go.
Home is home, be it never so homely.
Honest men and knaves may possibly wear the same cloth.
Honest men are soon bound, but you can never bind a knave.
Honest men fear neither light nor dark.
Honest men marry soon, wise men not at all.
Honest men never have the love of a rogue.
Honest men's words are as good as their bonds.
Honest millers have golden thumbs.
Honesty and plain dealing put knavery out of the bias.
Honesty is the best policy.
Honesty may be dear bought, but can never be a dear pennyworth.
Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.

Honour a physician before thou hast need of him.
Honour and ease are seldom bedfellows.
Honour and profit will not keep in one sack.
Honour buys no beef in the market.
Hooly an' fair gangs far in a day.
Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper.
Hope is a lover's staff.
Hope is a waking man's dream. (*Pliny.*)
Hope is as cheap as despair.
Hope is grief's best music.
Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.
Hope well and have well.
Hopes delayed hang the heart upon tenterhooks.
Hopes of pardon mend not, but encourage criminals.
Horns and grey hairs do not come by years.
Hot love is soon cold.
Hot men harbour no malice.
Hot sup, hot swallow.
Hours of pleasure are short.
How can the foal amble when the horse and mare trot?
How do you after your oysters.
How happy is he, that owes nothing but to himself.
However wretched a fellow mortal may be, he is still a member of our common species. (*Seneca.*)
Human blood is all of one colour.
Human laws reach not thoughts.
Humility often gains more than pride. (*Ital.*)
Hunger and cold deliver a man up to his enemy.
Hunger and thirst scarcely kill any, but gluttony and drink kill a great many.
Hunger fetches the wolf out of the woods.
Hunger finds no fault with the cookery.
Hunger is gude kitchen meat.
Hunger is hard in a hale maw.
Hunger is the best sauce.
Hunger makes raw beans relish well.
Hunger will break through stone walls.
Hungry dogs will eat dirty puddings.
Hungry flies bite sore.
Hungry horses make a clean manger.
Hungry men think the cook lazy.

Hunting, hawking, and love, for one joy have a hundred griefs.
Hypocritical honesty goes upon stilts.
Hypocritical piety is double iniquity.

I.

I am a fool, I love anything that is good.
I cannot be at York and London at the same time.
I cannot run and sit still at the same time.
I cannot sell the cow and have the milk. (*Scotch.*)
I cannot spin and weave at the same time.
I can't be your friend and your flatterer too.
I had rather my cake burn, than you should turn it.
I know no difference between buried treasure and concealed knowledge. (*Ital.*)
I know of nobody that has a mind to die this year.
I live, and lords do no more.
I love my friends well, but myself better. (*Fr.*)
I was well, would be better, took physic, and died. (*On a monument.*)
I wept when I was born, and every day shews why.
I will never keep a dog to bite me.
I will not buy a pig in a poke.
I will not change a cottage in possession, for a kingdom in reversion.
I will not dance to every fool's pipe.
I will not keep a dog, and bark myself.
I will not pull the thorn out of your foot, to put it into my own.
I wot well how the world wags, he is most loved that hath most bags.
I would have the fruit, not the basket.
I'll not go before my mare to the market.
Idle brains are the devil's workhouses.
Idle folks have the least leisure.
Idle folks have the most labour.
Idle folks lack no excuses.
Idle men are the devil's playfellows.
Idle people take the most pains.
Idleness always envies industry.

Idleness and lust are sworn friends.
Idleness is the greatest prodigality in the world.
Idleness is the key of beggary.
Idleness is the root of all evil.
Idleness is the sepulchre of a living man. (*Anselm.*)
Idleness must thank itself if it go barefoot.
Idleness never wants an excuse.
Idleness turns the edge of wit.
If a fool have success, it ruins him.
If a man once fall, all will tread on him.
If a poor man give thee ought, it is that thou should'st give him something better.
If a wise man should never miscarry, the fool would burst.
If a woman were as little as she is good, a pease-cod would make her a gown and a hood.
If a word be worth one shekel, silence is worth two.
If all fools wore white caps, we should look like a flock of geese.
If all the world were ugly, deformity would be no monster.
If an ass goes a travelling, he'll not come home a horse.
If ane winna, anither will.
If any fool finds the cap fit him, let him wear it.
If any thing stay, let work stay.
If better were within, better would come out.
If Candlemas day be fair and bright, winter will have another flight: If on Candlemas day it be shower and rain, winter is gone, and will not come again.
If death be terrible, the fault is not in death, but thee.
If every fool were to wear a bauble, fuel would be dear.
If every one would mend one, all would be amended.
If fools went not to market, bad wares would not be sold.
If God be wi' us, wha will be against us?
If grass look green in Janiveer, 'twill look the worser all the year.
If I be hanged, I'll choose my gallows.
If I canna d'ot by might I'll do't by slight.
If I mauna kep goose, I shall kep gaislin.
If it can be nae better it is weel it is nae waur.
If it dinna sell it winna sower.
If it serve me to wear, it may gain you to look to.
If it were not for hope, the heart would break.

If it were not for the belly, the back might wear gold.
If Jack's in love, he's no judge of Jill's beauty.
If Janiveer calends be summerly gay, 'twill be winterly weather till the calends of May.
If madness were pain, you'd hear outcries in every house.
If marriages are made in heaven, you had but few friends there.
If men had not slept, the tares had not been sown.
If money be not thy servant, it will be thy master.
If my shirt knew my design, I'd burn it.
If nobody take notice of our faults, we easily forget them ourselves.
If one will not, another will; so are all maidens married.
If one's name be up he may lie in bed.
If pains be a pleasure to you, profit will follow.
If physic do not work, prepare for the kirk.
If Pool was a fish-pool, and the men of Pool fish, they'd be a pool for the devil, and fish for his dish.
If pride were an art there would be many teachers. (*Ital.*)
If she be a good goose, her dame well to pay, she will lay two eggs before Valentine's day.
If St. Paul be fair and clear, then betides a happy year.
If St. Swithin weep, that year the proverb says, the weather will be foul for forty days.
If strokes are good to give, they are good to receive.
If that God will gie, the de'il canna reave.
If the bed could tell all it knows, it would put many to the blush.
If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, it would make him pull his hat over his eyes. (*Gaelic.*)
If the blackbird sings before Christmas he will cry before Candlemas.
If the brain sows not corn, it plants thistles.
If the cap fit, wear it.
If the channel's too small, the water must break out.
If the child cries let the mother hush it, and if it will not be hushed she must let it cry. (*Span.*)
If the cock moult before the hen, we shall have weather thick and thin; but if the hen moult before the cock, we shall have weather as hard as a block.
If the counsel be good, no matter who gave it.

If the devil catch a man idle, he'll set him at work.
If the doctor cures, the sun sees it; but if he kills, the earth hides it. (*Scotch.*)
If the dog bark, go in; if the bitch bark, go out.
If the eye do not admire, the heart will not desire. (*Ital.*)
If the first of July it be rainy weather, 'twill rain more or less for four weeks together.
If the frog and mouse quarrel, the kite will see them agreed.
If the grass grow in Janiveer, it grows the worse for't all the year.
If the lion's skin cannot, the fox's shall.
If the mountain will not go to Mahomet, let Mahomet go to the mountain.
If the niggard should once taste the sweetness of giving, he'd give all away.
If the old dog barks he gives counsel.
If the ox fall, whet your knife.
If the partridge had the woodcock's thigh, it would be the best bird that ever did fly.
If the pills were pleasant, they would not want gilding.
If the sky fall, we shall catch larks.
If the walls were adamant, gold would take the town.
If the whole world does not enter, yet half of it will.
If the wind do blow aloft, then of wars shall we hear oft.
If there be a rainbow in the eve, it will rain and leave; but if there be a rainbow in the morrow, it will neither lend nor borrow.
If there were no knaves and fools, all the world would be alike.
If they come, they come not; if they come not, they come.
If they say you are good, ask yourself if it be true. (*Span.*)
If things were to be done twice, all would be wise.
If thou be a stranger be merry, and give the first good morrow.
If thou canst not see the bottom, wade not.
If thou dealest with a fox, think of his tricks.
If thou desirest a wife, choose her on a Saturday rather than on a Sunday.
If thou hast increased thy water, thou must also increase thy meal.
If thou hast not a capon, feed on an onion.

If thou knowest how to use money, it will become thine handmaid; if not, it will become thy master. (*Diodorus.*)

If thou must deal, be sure to deal with an honest man.

If thou play the fool, stay for a fellow.

If thou sailest with a bad wind, thou hadst need understand tacking.

If thou wouldst have a good crop, sow with thy hand, but pour not out of the sack.

If thou wouldst keep money, save money.

If thou wouldst reap money, sow money.

If thy cast be bad, mend it with good play.

If thy daughter be marriageable, set thy servant free, and give her to him in marriage.

If thy hand be in a lion's mouth, get it out as fast as thou canst.

If to-day will not, to-morrow may.

If virtue keep court within, honour will attend without.

If we are bound to forgive an enemy, we are not bound to trust him.

If we be enemies to ourselves, whither shall we fly?

If we did not flatter ourselves, nobody else could.

If we have not the world's wealth, we have the world's ease. (*Scotch.*)

If well and them cannot, then ill and them can.

If wise men never erred it would go hard with the fool.

If wise men play the fool, they do it with a vengeance.

If wishes were butter cakes, beggars might bite.

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.

If ye brew weel ye'll drink the better.

If ye do wrang, mak amends.

If ye may spend meikle, put the mair to the fire.

If ye steal na my kail, brak na my dike.

If you are too fortunate you will not know yourself.

If you are too unfortunate nobody will know you.

If you be a jester keep your wit till you have use for it.

If you be angry you may turn the buckle of your girdle behind you.

If you be false to both beasts and birds, you must, like the bat, fly only by night.

If you be not ill, be not ill-like. (*Scotch.*)

If you beat spice, it will smell the sweeter.
If you brew well, you may drink well.
If you buy the cow, take the tail into the bargain.
If you can be well without health, you may be happy without virtue.
If you can kiss the mistress, never kiss the maid.
If you cannot bite, never show your teeth.
If you command wisely, you'll be obey'd cheerfully.
If you cut down the woods you'll catch the wolf.
If you desire to see my light, you must minister oil to my lamp.
If you despise King Log you shall fear King Crane.
If you do nae ill, do nae ill like.
If you don't open the door to the devil he goes away.
If you drink in your pottage you'll cough in your grave.
If you give an inch, he will take an ell.
If you go into a labyrinth, take a clew with you.
If you grease a cause well, it will stretch.
If you hate a man, eat his bread; and if you love him, do the same.
If you have a loitering servant, place his dinner before him, and send him on an errand. (*Span.*)
If you have done no ill the six days, you may play the seventh.
If you have no enemies, it is a sign fortune has forgot you.
If you have one true friend, you have more than your share.
If you kill one flea in March you kill a hundred.
If you leap into a well, Providence is not bound to fetch you out.
If you lie upon roses when young, you'll lie upon thorns when old.
If you love not the noise of the bells, why pull the ropes?
If you love yourself over much, nobody else will love you at all.
If you make Bacchus your god, Apollo will not keep you company.
If you make money your god, 'twill plague you like a devil.
If you make not much of threepence, you'll ne'er be worth a groat.
If you make your wife an ass, she will make you an ox.

If you mock the lame, you will go so yourself in time.
If you oblige those who can never pay you, you make Providence your debtor.
If you pay not a servant his wages, he will pay himself.
If you pity rogues, you are no great friend to honest men.
If you play with a fool at home, he'll play with you in the market.
If you pursue good with labour, the labour passes away, but the good remains; if you pursue evil with pleasure, the pleasure passes away, but the evil remains. (*Cicero.*)
If you put nothing into your purse, you can take nothing out.
If you run after two hares, you will catch neither.
If you sell the cow, you sell her milk too.
If you sit down a mere philosopher, you will rise almost an atheist.
If you slander a dead man, you stab him in the grave.
If you squeeze a cork, you will get but little juice.
If you steal for others, you shall be hanged yourself.
If you swallow vice, 'twill rise badly in your stomach.
If you swear, you'll catch no fish.
If you take away the salt, you may throw the flesh to the dogs.
If you tell every step, you will make a long journey of it.
If you touch pot you must touch penny.
If you trust before you try, you may repent before you die.
If you will not hear reason, she will surely rap your knuckles.
If you wish a thing done, go; if not, send.
If you wish good advice, consult an old man.
If you would be a pope, you must think of nothing else.
If you would compare two men, you must know them both.
If you would enjoy the fruit, pluck not the flower.
If you would fruit have, you must carry the leaf to the grave.
If you would have a good cheese and have'n old, you must turn'n seven times before he is cold.
If you would have a good servant, take neither a kinsman nor a friend.
If you would have a hen lay, you must bear with her cackling.

If you would know the value of a ducat, try to borrow one.
If you would make an enemy, lend a man money, and ask it of him again.
If you would wish the dog to follow you, feed him.
If you wrestle with a collier, you will get a blotch.
If your desires be endless, you cares will be so too.
If your joys cannot be long, so neither can your sorrows.
If your plough be jogging you may have meat for your horses.
If your shoe pinch you, give it your man.
If youth knew what age would crave, it would both get and save.
Ignorance is a voluntary misfortune.
Ignorance is the mother of impudence.
Ilka man mend ane, an' a' will be mended.
Ill bairns are ay best heard at hame.
Ill beef ne'er made gude broo.
Ill comes upon war's back.
Ill counsel will gar a man stick his ain mare.
Ill doers are ill thinkers.
Ill doth the devil preserve his servants.
Ill edging makes ill begging.
Ill examples are like contagious diseases.
Ill got, ill spent.
Ill gotten goods seldom prosper.
Ill hearing maks bad rehearsing.
Ill herds mak fat wolves.
Ill kings make many good laws.
Ill laying up maks mony thieves.
Ill luck is good for something.
Ill luck is worse than found money.
Ill manners produce good laws.
Ill natures never want a tutor.
Ill news are aft o'er true.
Ill news comes apace.
Ill payers are ay gude cravers.
Ill sowers make ill harvest.
Ill weeds grow apace.
Ill will never said well.
Ill win, ill wairt.
Ill words are bellows to a slackening fire.

Ill would the fat sow fare on the primroses of the wood. (*Gaelic.*)
Ill wounds may be cured, but not ill names.
Impatience does not diminish, but augments the evil.
Impatience never gets preferment.
In a calm sea, every man is a pilot.
In a false quarrel there is no true valour.
In a thousand pounds of law there's not an ounce of love.
In all games it is good to leave off a winner.
In an ermine spots are soon discovered.
In childhood be modest, in youth temperate, in manhood just, in old age prudent. (*Socrates.*)
In conversation, avoid the extremes of forwardness and reserve. (*Cato.*)
In conversation, dwell not too long on a weak side.
In courtesy, rather pay a penny too much than too little.
In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty. (*Augustine.*)
In doubtful matters, courage may do much; in desperate, patience.
In every country the sun riseth in the morning.
In every fault there is folly.
In fair weather prepare for foul.
In for a penny in for a pound.
In giving and taking it is easy mistaking. (*Fr.*)
In love is no lack.
In love's wars, he who flieth is conqueror.
In settling an island, the first building erected by a Spaniard would be a church; by a Frenchman, a fort; by a Dutchman, a warehouse; and by an Englishman, an alehouse.
In sleep, what difference is there between Solomon and a fool?
In some man's aught maun the auld horse die.
In space comes grace.
In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior.
In the coldest flint there is hot fire.
In the company of strangers, silence is safe.
In the deepest water is the best fishing.
In the end, things will mend.

In the fair tale is foul falsity.
In the grave, dust and bones jostle not for the wall.
In the greatest ill the good man hath hope left.
In the husband wisdom, in the wife gentleness.
In the old of the moon a cloudy morning bodes a fair afternoon.
In the short life of man, no lost time can be afforded.
In the time of mirth take heed.
In things that must be, it is good to be resolute.
In time comes she whom God sends.
In time of prosperity, friends will be plenty; in time of adversity, not one amongst twenty.
In too much dispute truth is lost.
In trust is treason.
In truth they must not eat, that will not work in heat.
In two cabs of dates there is one cab of stones, and more.
In vain does the mill clack, if the miller his hearing lack.
In vain he craves advice that will not follow it.
In wiving and thriving men should take counsel of all the world.
Incredulity should make men advised, not irresolute.
Industry is fortune's right hand, and frugality her left.
Ingenuous shame, once lost, is never regained. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Ingratitude is the daughter of pride.
Ingratitude makes the receiver worse, but the benefactor better.
Injuries don't use to be written on ice.
Injurious men brook no injuries.
Injury is to be measured by malice.
Innocence is no protection.
Innocence itself, sometimes hath need of a mask.
Innocent actions carry their warrant with them.
Insolence is pride when her mask is pulled off.
Insolence puts an end to friendship.
Into the mouth of a bad dog falls many a good bone.
Invite not a Jew either to pig or pork.
Is it an emperor's business to catch flies?
It avails little to the unfortunate to be brave. (*Span.*)
It becomes not a law-maker to be a law-breaker. (*Bias.*)
It came wi' the wind, let it gang wi' the water.

It chanceth in an hour, that comes not in seven years.
It costs more to revenge injuries than to bear them.
It early pricks that will be a thorn.
It is a bad action that success cannot justify.
It is a bad bargain, where both are losers.
It is a bad cause, that none dares speak in.
It is a bad cloth indeed that will take no colour.
It is a bad sack that will abide no clouting.
It is a bad soil where no flowers will grow.
It is a bad stake that will not stand in the hedge one year.
It is a bare moor that he gaes o'er an' gets na a cow.
It is a base thing to tread upon a man that is down.
It is a blind goose that knows not a fox from a fern bush.
It is a blind man's question to ask, why those things are loved which are beautiful.
It is a cauld coal to blaw at.
It is a cunning part to play the fool well.
It is a fair degree of plenty to have what is necessary.
It is a foolish bird that stayeth the laying salt upon her tail.
It is a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor.
It is a fortunate head that never ached.
It is a fraud to borrow what we are not able to repay. (*Publius Syrus.*)
It is a good blade that bends well.
It is a good divine that follows his own instructions.
It is a good dog that can catch any thing.
It is a good friend that is always giving, though it be never so little.
It is a good horse that never stumbles, and a good wife that never grumbles.
It is a great journey to life's end.
It is a great pleasure to eat, and have nothing to pay.
It is a great point of wisdom to find out one's own folly.
It is a gude game that fills the wame.
It is a gude tongue that says nae ill.
It is a hard battle where none escapes.
It is a hard thing to have a great estate, and not fall in love with it.
It is a long lane that has no turning.
It is a mad hare that will be caught with a tabor.

It is a manly act to forsake an error.
It is a mark of wisdom to dislike folly.
It is a mean mouse that has but ae hole.
It is a poor art that maintains not the artizan. (*Ital.*)
It is a poor family that hath neither a whore nor a thief in it.
It is a poor heart that never rejoices.
It is a poor sport that is not worth the candle.
It is a rank courtesy, when a man is forced to give thanks for what is his own.
It is a rare miracle for money to lack a master. (*Bias.*)
It is a reproach to be the first gentleman of his race; but it is a greater to be the last.
It is a sad burthen to carry a dead man's child.
It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock.
It is a shame to steal, but a worse to carry home.
It is a sign o' a hale heart to rift at the rumple.
It is a silly bargain, where nobody gets.
It is a silly fish that is caught twice with the same bait.
It is a silly flock where the ewe bears the bell.
It is a silly game where nobody wins.
It is a silly goose that comes to a fox's sermon.
It is a silly horse that can neither whinny, nor wag his tail.
It is a silly pack that mauna pay the customs.
It is a sin against hospitality, to open your doors, and shut up your countenance.
It is a sin to belie the devil.
It is a sooth dream that is seen wauking.
It is a sorry goose that will not baste herself.
It is a strange salt fish that no water can make fresh.
It is a strange wood that has never a dead bough in it.
It is a wicked thing to make a dearth one's garner.
It is a wise child that knows its own father.
It is a worthier thing to deserve honour, than to possess it.
It is almost as necessary to know other men as ourselves.
It is altogether in vain to learn wisdom and yet live foolish.
It is always term time in the court of conscience.
It is an easy thing to find a staff to beat a dog.
It is an equal failing to trust every body, and to trust nobody.

It is an ill air where nothing is to be gained.
It is an ill battle where the devil carries the colours.
It is an ill bird that bewrays its own nest.
It is an ill cause that the lawyer thinks shame o'.
It is an ill dog that is not worth the whistling.
It is an ill guest that never drinks to his host.
It is an ill horse that will not carry his own provender.
It is an ill procession where the devil holds the candle.
It is an ill sign to see a fox lick a lamb.
It is an ill thing to be deceived, but worse to deceive.
It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.
It is as good to be in the dark as without a light.
It is as great a mischief to spare all, as it is cruelty to spare none.
It is as hard a thing as to sail over the sea in an egg-shell.
It is as hard for the good to suspect evil, as it is for the bad to suspect good. (*Cicero.*)
It is as hard to please a knave as a knight.
It is as much intemperance to weep too much, as to laugh too much.
It is better to be a beggar than a fool.
It is better to be beloved than honoured.
It is better to be stung by a nettle than pricked by a rose.
It is better to be unborn than untaught; for ignorance is the root of misfortune. (*Plato.*)
It is better to decide a difference between enemies than friends; for one of our friends will certainly become an enemy, and one of our enemies a friend. (*Bias.*)
It is better to do well than to say well. (*Ital.*)
It is better to have a hen to-morrow, than an egg to-day.
It is better to marry a quiet fool than a witty scold.
It is better to pay, and have but little left, than to have much, and be always in debt.
It is better to reprove privately, than to be angry secretly.
It is better to sit with a wise man in prison, than with a fool in paradise.
It is better to spin all night with Penelope, than sing all day with Helen.
It is better to sup wi' a cutty than want a spoon.
It is best to take half in hand, and the rest by and by.
It is but kindly that the pock sau'r o' the herrin.

It is by the head that the cow gi'es milk.
It is cheap enough to say, God help you.
It is cruelty to the innocent not to punish the guilty. (*Publius Syrus.*)
It is dear-bought honey that is lick'd aff a thorn.
It is difficult keeping that which is admired by many. (*Publius Syrus.*)
It is difficult to persuade mankind that the love of virtue is the love of themselves. (*Cicero.*)
It is easier to bear what's amiss, than go about to reform it.
It is easier to descend than ascend.
It is easier to fill a glutton's belly than his eye.
It is easier to prevent ill habits than to break them.
It is easier to pull down than build.
It is easier to strike than defend well.
It is easy for a man in health to preach patience to the sick.
It is easy preaching to the fasting with a full belly. (*Ital.*)
It is easy to bowl down hill.
It is easy to defend the innocent; but who is eloquent enough to defend the guilty? (*Publius Syrus.*)
It is easy to rob an orchard, when none keeps it.
It is easy to take a man's part, but the matter is to maintain it. (*Gaelic.*)
It is for want of thinking that most men are undone.
It is good fasting when the table is covered with fish.
It is good fish, if it were but caught.
It is good fishing in troubled waters.
It is good pride to desire to be the best of men.
It is good sheltering under an old hedge.
It is good sometimes to hold a candle to the devil.
It is good to be in good time; you know not how long it will last.
It is good to be merry at meat.
It is good to cry yule at other men's costs.
It is good to fear the worst, the best save itself.
It is good to go on foot when a man hath a horse in his hand.
It is good to have a hatch before the door.
It is good to have two strings to one's bow.
It is good to learn at other men's cost.

It is good to sleep in a whole skin.
It is good to strike the serpent's head with your enemy's hand.
It is goodness, not greatness, that will do thee good.
It is gude gear that pleases the merchant.
It is gude goose that drops ay.
It is gude to be out o' harm's gate.
It is gude to be sib to siller.
It is hard baith to hae an' want.
It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.
It is hard to be high and humble.
It is hard to break an old hog of an ill custom.
It is hard to kick against the pricks.
It is hard to make a good web of a bottle of hay.
It is hard to make a silk purse of a sow's ear.
It is hard to please a' parties.
It is hard to shave an egg.
It is hard to sing at the brod, or kick at the prick.
It is hard to sit in Rome an' fight wi' the pope.
It is hard to suffer wrong and pay for it too.
It is hard to turn tack upon a narrow bridge.
It is harder to marry a daughter well, than to bring her up well.
It is hope alone that makes us willing to live.
It is human to err, but diabolical to persevere.
It is ill healing an old sore.
It is ill killing a crow with an empty sling.
It is ill making a bowing horn o' a tod's tail.
It is ill to draw a strae afore an auld cat.
It is ill to drive black hogs in the dark.
It is ill to set spurs to a flying horse.
It is ill to tak out o' the flesh that is bred i' the bane.
It is ill to take an unlawful oath, but worse to keep it.
It is ill to wauken sleeping dogs.
It is in vain to cast your net where there is no fish.
It is in vain to learn wisdom, and yet to live foolishly.
It is in vain to use words when deeds are expected.
It is less painful to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.
It is little o' God's might to mak a poor man a knight.
It is lost labour to play a jig to an old cat.

It is lost labour to sow where there's no soil.
It is madness for a sheep to treat of peace with a wolf.
It is more difficult to praise rightly than to blame.
It is more easy to praise poverty than bear it. (*Ital.*)
It is more easy to threaten than to kill. (*Ital.*)
It is more painful to do nothing than something.
It is more wisdom sometimes to dissemble wrongs than to revenge them.
It is na gude to want and to hae.
It is nae play, where ane greets, an' anither laughs.
It is nae time to stoop when the head's aff.
It is needless to pour water on a drown'd mouse.
It is never too late to learn.
It is never too late to mend.
It is no advantage for a man in a fever to change his bed.
It is no good hen, that cackles in your house and lays in another's.
It is no shame for a man to learn that which he knoweth not, whatever be his age. (*Isocrates.*)
It is no shame to yield to him that we must not oppose.
It is no small grief to a good nature to try his friends. (*Euripides.*)
It is not a sign of humility to declaim against pride.
It is not a sin to sell dear, but it is to make ill measure.
It is not an art to play, but is a very good art to leave off play. (*Ital.*)
It is not easy to straight in the oak the crook that grew in the sapling. (*Gaelic.*)
It is not every one that can pickle well.
It is not for a man in authority to sleep a whole night. (*Homer.*)
It is not lost that comes at last.
It is not much to give a leg to him who gave you the fowl. (*Span.*)
It is not the beast, but the mind that is the sacrifice.
It is not the burden, but the over-burden, that kills the beast. (*Span.*)
It is not the cowl that makes the friar.
It is not the gay coat makes the gentleman.
It is not want, but abundance, that makes avarice.

It is one thing to speak much, and another to speak pertinently.
It is past joking when the head's aff.
It is possible for a ram to kill a butcher.
It is possible to sin against charity, when we do not against truth.
It is pride, not nature, that craves much.
It is right to put everything to its proper use. (*Gaelic.*)
It is safer to commend the dead than the living.
It is safer to hear and take counsel than to give it.
It is self-conceit that makes opinion obstinate.
It is sooner said than done.
It is the bridle and spur that make a good horse.
It is the clerk that makes the justice.
It is the ordinary way of the world, to keep folly at the helm, and wisdom under the hatches.
It is the property of fools to be always judging.
It is thou must honour the place, not the place thee.
It is time enough to cry oh! when you are hurt.
It is time to set when the oven comes to the dough.
It is very seldom that a great talker hath either discretion or good manners.
It is weel said, but wha will bell the cat?
It is weel that our fau'ts are na written on our face.
It is weel war'd that wasters want.
It is well to be off with the old love before you are on with the new.
It is wise not to seek a secret, and honest not to reveal it.
It is wiser to run away when there's no remedy, than to stay and die in the field foolishly.
It is wit to pick a lock, and steal a horse, but wisdom to let it alone.
It is working that makes a workman.
It is worse to do, than to revenge an injury.
It matters not what religion an ill man is of.
It must be a wily mouse that can breed in a cat's ear.
It never rains but it pours.
It ought to be a good tale that is twice told.
It shall be done when the king cometh to Wigan.
It signifies nothing to play well if you lose.
It takes two to make a quarrel.

It that lies na i' your gate braks na your shins.
It were better to hear the lark sing, than the mouse cheep.
It will be all the same a hundred years hence.
It will be fair weather when the shrews have dined.
It would make a man scratch where it doth not itch, to see a man live poor to die rich.
It would vex a dog to see a pudding creep.
It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.
It's better to be a cold than a cuckold.
It's dogged as does it.
It's good to have company in trouble.
It's hard to split the hair, that nothing is wanted and nothing to spare.
It's merry in the hall when beards wag all.
It's no use crying over spilt milk.
It's not good to wake a sleeping lion.
It's not how long, but how well we live.
It's the thunder that frights, but the lightning that smites.
Itch and ease, can no man please.
Itch is more intolerable than smart.

J.

Jack of all trades is of no trade.
Jack-of-all-trades, and master of none.
Jack Sprat he loved no fat, and his wife she lov'd no lean, and so betwixt them both they lick'd the platters clean.
Jack would be a gentleman, if he could but speak French.
Janiveer freezes the pot by the fire.
January commits the fault, and May bears the blame.
Jeerers must be content to taste of their own broth.
Jesters do oft prove prophets.
Jesting lies bring serious sorrows.
Jest with an ass, and he will flap you in the face with his tail.
Jests are seldom good the first time, but the second distasteful.
Jests, like sweetmeats, have often sour sauce.
Job was not so miserable in his sufferings, as happy in his patience.

Jocular slanders often prove serious injuries.
Joke, an' let the jaw gae o'er.
Joke at leisure, ye kenna wha may jybe yoursel.
Joy surfeited turns to sorrow.
Judge not of a ship as she lieth on the stocks.
Judge not of men or things at first sight.

K.

Ka me, and I'll ka thee.
Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it. (*Gaelic.*)
Keep aloof from quarrels; be neither a witness nor a party.
Keep counsel thyself first.
Keep good company, and you shall be of the number.
Keep no more cats than will catch mice.
Keep out of a hasty man's way for a while; out of a sullen man's all the days of your life.
Keep some till furthermore come.
Keep something for a sair fit. (*Scotch.*)
Keep the common road, and thou'rt safe.
Keep the feast to feast-day. (*Scotch.*)
Keep the staff in your ain hand.
Keep the wolf from the door.
Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.
Keep your ain fish-guts to your ain sea-maws.
Keep your feet dry, and your head hot; and for the rest live like a beast.
Keep your own counsel.
Keep your purse and your mouth close.
Keep your tongue within your teeth.
Keep yourself from the anger of a great man, from the tumult of a mob, from a man of ill fame, from a widow that has been thrice married, from a wind that comes in at a hole, and from a reconciled enemy.
Keeping from falling, is better than helping up.
Kentish longtails.
Kill the lion's whelp; thou'lt strive in vain when he's grown.
Kill two birds with one stone.
Kindle not a fire that you cannot extinguish.

Kindness canna be bought for gear.
Kindness comes o' will.
Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with.
Kindness lies na ay in ae side o' the house.
Kindness will creep whar it mauna gang.
Kindnesses, like grain, increase by sowing.
King Henry robbed the church and died poor.
Kings an' bears aft worry their keepers.
King's caff is worth ither men's corn.
Kings have long arms, and have many eyes and ears. (*Ital.*)
Kings love the treason but not the traitor.
Kissing goes by favour.
Knavery may serve for a turn, but honesty is best in the long run.
Knavery, without luck, is the worst trade in the world.
Knavery's plain face is never seen till used.
Knaves and fools divide the world.
Knaves are in such repute, that honest men are accounted fools.
Knaves imagine nothing can be done without knavery.
Knotty timber requires sharp wedges.
Know thyself. (*Chilo.*)
Knowledge begins a gentleman, but 'tis conversation that completes him.
Knowledge directeth practice, and practice increaseth knowledge.
Knowledge in youth is wisdom in age.
Knowledge is a second light, and hath bright eyes.
Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.
Knowledge is eith born about.
Knowledge is no burden.
Knowledge is power.
Knowledge is silver among the poor, gold among the nobles, and a jewel among princes. (*Ital.*)
Knowledge, without practice, makes but half an artist.
Kyth i' your ain colours, that fowk may ken you.

L.

Lad's love's a busk of broom, hot awhile and soon done.
Laith to bed, laith out o't.

Laith to the drink, laith frae't.
Lame hares are ill to help.
Land was never lost for want of an heir.
Lang fasting gains nae meat.
Lang fasting gathers wind.
Lang lean maks hame-cauld cattle.
Lang sports turn to earnest.
Lang standing an' little offering maks a poor priest.
Lang straes are nae mots.
Lang tarrowing taks a' the thanks awa'.
Large trees give more shade than fruit.
Last in bed, best heard.
Laughter is the hiccup of a fool.
Lavishness is not generosity.
Law cannot persuade where it cannot punish.
Laws catch flies, but let hornets go free.
Lawyers' gowns are lined with the wilfulness of their clients.
Lawyers' houses are built on the heads of fools.
Lay on more wood; ashes give money.
Lay the saddle upon the right horse.
Lay things by, they may come to use.
Lay thy hand upon thy half-penny twice before thou partest with it.
Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.
Lazy folks take the most pains.
Lean liberty is better than fat slavery.
Lean not on a reed.
Learning is a sceptre to some, a bauble to others.
Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and a provision in old age. (*Aristotle.*)
Learning is the eye of the mind.
Learning makes a good man better, and an ill man worse.
Learning makes a man fit company for himself.
Learning refines and elevates the mind.
Learn not, and know not.
Learn to creep before you run.
Learn to say before you sing.
Learn you to an use, an' ye'll ca't custom.
Learn wisdom by the follies of others. (*Ital.*)
Least said is soonest mended.
Leave a jest when it pleases you best.

Leave aff as lang as the play's gude.
Leave the court ere the court leaves thee.
Leave weelcome a-hent ye.
Lend and lose; so play fools.
Lend thy horse for a long journey, thou mayest have him return with his skin.
Less of your courtesy and more of your purse.
Let a horse drink when he will, not what he will.
Let alone maks mony a loon.
Let an ill man lie in thy straw, and he looks to be thy heir.
Let another's shipwreck be your sea-mark.
Let bell'd wethers brak the snaw.
Let but the drunkard alone, and he will fall of himself.
Let bygones be bygones.
Let every man praise the bridge he goes over.
Let every pedlar carry his own burden.
Let him fry in his own grease.
Let him tak a spring on his ain fiddle.
Let him that earns the bread eat it.
Let him that is cold blow the coal.
Let him that owns the cow take her by the tail.
Let him that receives the profit repair the inn.
Let his ain wand ding him.
Let never sorrow come sae near your heart.
Let not the child sleep upon bones.
Let not the mouse-trap smell of blood.
Let not your tongue cut your throat.
Let not your tongue run away with your brains.
Let sleeping dogs lie.
Let the best horse leap the hedge first.
Let the church stand in the churchyard.
Let the cobbler stick to his last.
Let the guts be full, for it's they that carry the legs.
Let the horns go with the hide.
Let the morn come, an' the meat wi' it.
Let the plough stand to catch a mouse.
Let the smith himself wear the fetters he forged.
Let them laugh that win.
Let thy grandchild buy wax, and do not thou trouble thyself.

Let women spin, and not preach.
Let your letter stay for the post, not the post for the letter; *i.e.* be always before-hand with your business.
Let your purse be your master.
Let your trouble tarry till its own day comes.
Liars begin by imposing upon others, but end by deceiving themselves.
Liars have short wings.
Liars should have good memories.
Liberality is not giving largely, but wisely.
Lick your dish.
Lie for him, an' he'll swear for you.
Life and misery began together.
Life is a shuttle.
Life is half spent before we know what it is.
Life is short, yet sweet. (*Euripides.*)
Life lieth not in living, but in liking.
Life that is too short for the happy is too long for the miserable.
Life without a friend is death without a witness.
Life would be too smooth if it had no rubs in it.
Lifeless, faultless.
Light burdens brak nae banes.
Light cares speak, great ones are dumb. (*Seneca.*)
Light cheap, lither yield.
Light gains make a heavy purse.
Light-heel'd mothers make leaden-heel'd daughters.
Lightly come, lightly go.
Like author, like book.
Like blood, like good, and like age, make the happiest marriages.
Like carpenter, like chips.
Like draws to like, a scabbed horse to an auld dike.
Like father, like son.
Like lips, like lettuce.
Like master, like man.
Like priest, like people.
Like punishment and equal pain, both key and key-hole do maintain.
Like saint, like offering.
Like to die mends na the kirk-yard.

Like tree, like fruit.
Lik'd gear is ha'f bought.
Like's an ill mark.
Likely lies in the mire, when unlikely gets over.
Likeness is the mother of love.
Lilies are whitest in a blackmoor's hand.
Lip-honour costs little, yet may bring in much.
Lips, however rosy, must be fed.
Listen at the key-hole, and you'll hear news of yourself.
Listeners hear no good of themselves.
Little and often fills the purse.
Little birds may pick a dead lion.
Little boats must keep the shore, larger ships may venture more.
Little bodies have great souls.
Little children should be seen and not heard.
Little dogs start the hare, but great ones catch it.
Little goods, little care.
Little intermitting maks gude freends.
Little knows the fat sow what the lean one means.
Little may an auld nag do that mauna nicher.
Little mead, little need.
Little minds, like weak liquors, are soonest soured.
Little mischief, too much.
Little odds a-tween a feast and a fu' wame.
Little pitchers have great ears.
Little said is soon amended.
Little sticks kindle a fire, but great ones put it out.
Little strokes fell great oaks.
Little things are pretty.
Little things attract light minds.
Little winning maks a heavy purse.
Little wit in the head makes much work for the feet.
Little wit maks meikle travail.
Live, and let live.
Live not to eat, but eat to live.
Live not upon the opinion of other men.
Living upon trust is the way to pay double.
Lock the stable door before the steed is stolen.
London-bridge was made for wise men to pass over, and fools to pass under.

Long absent, soon forgotten.
Long is the arm of the needy. (*Gaelic.*)
Long life hath long misery.
Long looked-for comes at last.
Long-tongued wives go long with bairn.
Longer lives a good fellow than a dear year.
Look before you leap, for snakes among sweet flowers do creep.
Look high, and fall low.
Look not a gift horse in the mouth.
Look not for musk in a dog-kennel.
Look not too high, lest a chip fall in thine eye.
Look to him, gaoler; there's a frog in the stocks.
Look to the cow, and the sow, and the wheat mow, and all will be well enow.
Look to the main chance.
Lookers on see more than players.
Loquacity storms the ear, but modesty takes the heart.
Lordly vices require lordly estates.
Lose a leg rather than life.
Lose not a hog for a half-penny-worth of tar.
Lose nothing for asking.
Losers are always in the wrong. (*Span.*)
Lost time is never found again.
Loud in the loan was ne'er a gude milk cow.
Love, a cough, and the itch, cannot be hid.
Love and lordship like no fellowship.
Love and pride stock Bedlam.
Love asks faith, and faith asks firmness.
Love being jealous, makes a good eye look asquint.
Love can neither be bought nor sold; its only price is love.
Love comes in at the windows, and goes out at the doors.
Love delights in praise.
Love does much, but money does more.
Love heats the brain, and anger makes a poet. (*Juvenal.*)
Love is a sweet tyranny, because the lover endureth his torments willingly.
Love is as warm among cottagers as courtiers.
Love is blind.
Love is incompatible with fear. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Love is the loadstone of love.

Love is the touchstone of virtue.
Love is without prudence, and anger without counsels. (*Ital.*)
Love, knavery, and necessity, make men good orators.
Love laughs at locksmiths.
Love lives in cottages as well as in courts.
Love me little, and love me long.
Love me, love my dog.
Love of wit makes no man rich.
Love rules his kingdom without a sword.
Love sees no faults.
Love thy neighbour, but pull not down thy hedge.
Love will creep where it cannot go.
Lovers ever run before the clock.
Lovers live by love, as larks by leeks.
Lowly sit, richly warm.
Lucky at cards, unlucky at love.
Lucky men need no counsel.
Luve your freend, an' look to yoursel.
Lying rides on debt's back.

M.

Magistrates are to obey as well as execute laws.
Maids say nay, and take.
Maids want nothing but husbands, and when they have them, they want every thing.
Maidens should be mild and meek, swift to hear and slow to speak.
Maidens must be seen, and not heard.
Mak na meikle o' little.
Mak ae wrang step, an' down ye gae.
Make a golden bridge for a flying enemy.
Make a model before thou buildest.
Make a page of your own age.
Make a pearl on your nail.
Make a virtue of necessity.
Make a-do and have a-do.
Make haste when you are purchasing a field; but when you are to marry a wife, be slow.
Make hay while the sun shines.

Make no orts of good hay.
Make not a gauntlet of a hedge glove.
Make not balks of good ground.
Make not even the devil blacker than he is.
Make not thy friend too cheap to thee, nor thyself to thy friend.
Make not thy tail broader than thy wings.
Make not your sail too big for your ballast.
Make not your sauce till you have caught the fish.
Make the best of a bad bargain.
Make the night night, and the day day, and you will live happily. (*Span.*)
Make the vine poor, and it will make you rich.
Make the young one squeak, and you'll catch the old one.
Make your affairs known in the market-place, and one will call them black and another white. (*Span.*)
Make yourself all honey, and the flies will devour you. (*Ital.*)
Malice drinketh its own poison.
Malice hath a sharp sight and a strong memory.
Malice is mindful.
Malice seldom wants a mark to shoot at.
Man doth what he can, and God what he will.
Man is fire, and woman tow; the devil comes and sets them in a blaze. (*Span.*)
Man proposes, God disposes.
Man punishes the action, but God the intention.
Man, woman, and devil, are the three degrees of comparison.
Man's best candle is his understanding.
Man's life is filed by his foe.
Manners and money make a gentleman.
Manners makyth man.
Manners often make fortunes.
Many a good cow hath but a bad calf.
Many a good drop of broth is made in an old pot.
Many a true word is spoken in jest.
Many an honest man stands in need of help, that has not the face to beg it.
Many blame the wife for their own thriftless life. (*Scotch.*)
Many can bear adversity, but few contempt.
Many can pack the cards that cannot play.

Many children, and little bread, is a painful pleasure. (*Span.*)
Many come to bring their clothes to church rather than themselves.
Many dogs soon eat up a horse.
Many dressers put the bride's dress out of order.
Many drops of water will sink a ship.
Many estates are spent in the getting, since women, for tea, forsook spinning and knitting, and men, for their punch, forsook hewing and splitting.
Many get into a dispute well that cannot get out well.
Many go out for wool, and come home shorn. (*Span.*)
Many hands make light work.
Many have been ruin'd by buying good pennyworths.
Many have come to a port after a storm.
Many kinsfolk, few friends.
Many kiss the hands they wish to see cut off.
Many littles make a mickle.
Many owe their fortunes to their enviers.
Many sands will sink a ship.
Many soldiers are brave at table, who are cowards in the field. (*Ital.*)
Many speak much that cannot speak well.
Many talk like philosophers, and live like fools.
Many that are wits in jest, are fools in earnest.
Many there be, that buy nothing with their money but repentance.
Many things grow in the garden, that were never sowed there.
Many things lawful are not expedient.
Many ventures make a full freight.
Many who wear rapiers are afraid of goose quills.
Many without punishment, none without sin.
Many words hurt more than swords.
Many words will not fill a bushel.
Many would be cowards if they had courage enough.
Many would have been worse, if their estates had been better.
March birds are best.
March borrows of April three days, and they be ill.
March comes in with adder-heads and goes out with peacocks' tails.

March grass never did good.
March hackham, comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb.
March in Janiveer, Janiveer in March, I fear.
March wind and May sun make clothes white and maids dun.
March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.
Marriage and hanging go by destiny.
Marriage is honourable, but housekeeping's a shrew.
Marriage, with peace, is the world's paradise; with strife, this life's purgatory.
Marriages are made in heaven.
Marry in haste, and repent at leisure; 'tis good to marry late or never.
Marry in March and you'll rue the day.
Marry your daughters betimes, lest they marry themselves.
Marry your sons when you will, your daughters when you can.
Masters are mostly the greatest servants in the house.
Masters should be sometimes blind, and sometimes deaf.
May bees flee na at this time o' the year.
May it please God not to make our friends so happy as to forget us.
May the man be damned and never grow fat, who wears two faces under one hat.
Mean men admire wealth, great men glory.
Measure is a merry mean.
Measure is a treasure.
Measure not others' corn by your own bushel.
Measure thrice what thou buyest; and cut but once.
Meat and matins hinder no man's journey.
Meat feeds, an' claith cleeds, but manners mak a man.
Meat is much; but manners is more.
Medicines are not meant to live on.
Medlars are never good till they are rotten.
Meikle head, little wit.
Meikle spoken, part spilt.
Memory is the treasurer of the mind.
Memory tempers prosperity, mitigates adversity, controls youth, and delights old age. (*Lactantius.*)
Men apt to promise are apt to forget.
Men are April when they woo, December when they wed.

Men are blind i' their ain cause.
Men are more prone to revenge injuries, than to requite kindnesses.
Men are neither suddenly rich nor suddenly good. (*Libanius.*)
Men are not to be measured by inches.
Men fear death, as children to go in the dark.
Men goe o'er the dyke at the laighest.
Men have many faults, women only two: there's nothing good they say, and nothing good they do.
Men may bear till their backs break.
Men may blush to hear what they were not ashamed to act.
Men never think their fortune too great, nor their wit too little.
Men seek less to be instructed than applauded.
Men shut their doors against a setting sun.
Men speak of the fair, as things went with them there.
Men take less care of their conscience than their reputation.
Men that have much business must have much pardon.
Men use to worship the rising sun.
Men work but slowly that have poor wages.
Men would live exceedingly quiet if those two words, mine and thine, were taken away. (*Anaxagoras.*)
Men's actions are not to be judged of at first sight.
Men's vows are women's traitors.
Men's years and their faults are always more than they are willing to own.
Mends is worth misdeeds.
Mere wishes are silly fishes.
Merry is the feast-making till we come to the reckoning.
Merry meet, merry part.
Messengers shou'd neither be headed nor hang'd.
Mettle is dangerous in a blind horse.
Mice care not to play with kittens.
Mickle ado, and little help.
Might overcomes right.
Mildness governs more than anger. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Mills will not grind, if you give them no water.
Mint ere ye strike.
Mirth and mischief are two things.
Mirth and motion prolong life.

Mischiefs come by the pound, and go away by the ounce.
Misers put their back and their belly into their pocket.
Misery acquaints men with strange bed-fellows.
Misery must be the mother, when one beggar begets another.
Misfortunes come by forties.
Misfortunes come on wings and depart on foot.
Misfortunes make us wise.
Misfortunes seldom come alone.
Misfortunes tell us what fortune is.
Misfortunes that can't be avoided, must be sweetened.
Misfortunes when asleep, are not to be awakened.
Misreckoning is no payment.
Mocking is catching.
Moderate riches will carry you; if you have more, you must carry them.
Moderation in prosperity argues a great mind.
Modesty ruins all that bring it to court.
Money and friendship bribe justice.
Money, as well as need, makes the old wife trot.
Money begets money.
Money in purse will be always in fashion.
Money is a good servant but a bad master.
Money is a sword, that can cut even the Gordian knot.
Money is ace of trumps.
Money is often lost for want of money.
Money is the best bait to fish for man with.
Money is the god of the world.
Money is the only monarch.
Money is the sinew of love, as well as of war.
Money is welcome though it comes in a dirty clout.
Money is wise, it knows it's own way.
Money, like manure, does no good till it is spread.
Money makes not so many true friends as real enemies.
Money makes the mare to go.
Money we want, and cannot borrow; yet drink we must, to slacken sorrow.
Mony ane brings the rake, but few the shool (shovel).
Mony ane spears the gate they ken fu' weel.
Mony aunts mony eems, mony kin an' few freends.
Mony care for meal that hae baken bread enough.

Mony hounds may soon worry a hare.
Mony irons i' the fire, part maun cool.
Mony purses haud freends lang thegither.
Mony ways to kill a dog though ye dinna hang him.
More belongs to marriage than four bare legs in a bed.
More credit may be thrown down in a moment, than can be built up in an age.
More die by food than famine.
More fools, more fun. (*Fr.*)
More goes to the making of a fine gentleman than fine clothes.
More have repented of speech than of silence.
More know Tom fool than Tom fool knows.
More than enough is too much.
More than we use is more than we want.
More things affright than hurt us.
More words than one go to a bargain.
Most haste, worst speed.
Most of our evils, come from our vices.
Most take all.
Most things have two handles, and a wise man takes hold of the best.
Mothers' darlings make but milk-sop heroes.
Motions are not marriages.
Much better never catch a rogue than let him go again.
Much bruit, little fruit.
Much coin, much care.
Much compliance, much craft.
Much corn lies under the straw that is not seen.
Much cry and little wool.
Much is expected where much is given.
Much law, but little justice.
Much meat, much maladies.
Much water goes by the mill the miller knows not of.
Much would have more, and lost all.
Muck and money go together.
Mud chokes no eels.
Muddy springs will have muddy streams.
Muffled cats are not good mousers.
Murder will out.
Music helps not the tooth-ache.

Must is a king's word.
Muzzle na' the ox's mou'.

N.

Nae freend like a freend in need.
Nae man can baith sup an' blaw thegither.
Nae man can mak his ain hap.
Nae man can seek his marrow i' the kirn sae weel as he that has been in it himsel.
Nae man has a tack o' his life.
Nae plea is best.
Naething comes fairer to light than what has been lang hidden.
Naething enters into a close hand.
Naething is balder than a blind mare.
Naething is difficult to a weel-willed man.
Name not a rope in his house that hanged himself.
Nane but fools an' knaves lay wagers.
Nane can play the fool so weel as a wise man.
Nane sae weel but he hopes to be better.
Narrow gather'd, widely spent.
Natural folly is bad enough; but learned folly is intolerable.
Nature draws more than ten oxen.
Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue; to the end, we should hear and see more than we speak. (*Socrates.*)
Nature is beyond all teaching.
Nature must obey necessity.
Nature passes nurture.
Nature takes as much pains in the forming of a beggar as an emperor.
Nature teaches us to love our friends, but religion our enemies.
Nature, time, and patience, are the three great physicians.
Naught is never in danger.
Near is my shirt, but nearer is my skin.
Nearest the kirk the farthest frae God.
Necessity and opportunity may make a coward valiant.
Necessity dispenses with decorum.
Necessity hath no law.

Necessity is coal black.
Necessity is the mother of invention.
Necessity makes war to be just. (*Bias.*)
Necessity sharpens industry.
Neck or nothing; for the king loves no cripples.
Need makes the naked man run.
Need makes the naked queen spin.
Need makes the old wife trot.
Need maks virtue.
Need teaches things unlawful. (*Seneca.*)
Need will have its course.
Needs must when the devil drives.
Ne'er put a sword in a wood man's hand.
Ne'er put the plough afore the owsen.
Ne'er rode, ne'er fell.
Ne'er scad your lips in other fowk's kail.
Ne'er seek a wife till ye ken what to do wi' her.
Ne'er tell your fae when your feet sleeps.
Neglect will sooner kill an injury than revenge.
Neither beg of him who has been a beggar, nor serve him who has been a servant. (*Span.*)
Neither fish, nor flesh, nor good red herring.
Neither give to all nor contend with fools.
Neither good egg nor bird.
Neither great poverty, nor great riches, will hear reason.
Neither heat nor cold abides always in the sky.
Neither lead nor drive.
Neither praise nor dispraise thyself, thine actions serve the turn.
Neither speak well or ill of yourself. If well, men will not believe you; if ill, they will believe a great deal more than you say.
Never ask pardon before you are accused.
Never be ashamed to eat your meat.
Never be weary of well-doing.
Never buy a pig in a poke.
Never carry two faces under one hood.
Never cast dirt into that fountain of which thou hast sometime drank.
Never fall out with your bread and butter.
Never fish in troubled waters.

Never is a long term.
Never judge from appearances.
Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day.
Never light your candle at both ends.
Never look a gift horse in the mouth.
Never lose a tub for a ha'p'worth of tar.
Never make a mountain of a molehill.
Never open the door to a little vice lest a great one enter with it.
Never pleasure without repentance.
Never praise a ford till you are over.
Never quit certainty for hope.
Never refuse a good offer.
Never ride a free horse to death.
Never rub against the grain.
Never rub your eye with your elbow.
Never scald your lips in other folks' broth.
Never sigh, but send.
Never sign a writing till you have read it, nor drink wine till you have seen it. (*Span.*)
Never sound the trumpet of your own praise.
Never tread on a sore toe.
Never trust to a broken staff.
Never trust to another what you should do yourself.
Never trust to fine promises.
Never venture out of your depth till you can swim.
Never was a scornful person well received.
Never was cat or dog drowned, that could but see the shore.
New brooms sweep clean.
New dishes beget new appetites.
New grief awakens the old.
New honours change manners.
New lords, new laws.
New-made honour doth forget men's names.
New things are most looked at.
Next to love, quietness.
Next to no wife, a good wife is best.
Nice eaters seldom meet with a good dinner.
Night is the mother of thought.
Nightingales can sing their own song best.
Nine tailors make a man.

Nineteen nay-says o' a maiden are ha'f a grant.
Nip the briar in the bud.
No advice like a father's.
No alchymy like saving.
No and yes often cause long disputes.
No autumn fruit without spring blossom.
No butter will stick to his bread.
No carrion will kill a crow.
No choice amongst stinking fish.
No condition so low, but may have hopes; none so high, but may have fears.
No cross, no crown.
No cut like unkindness.
No day passeth without some grief.
No deceit like the world's.
No dish pleases all palates alike.
No doors are shut against honest grey hairs.
No estate can make him rich that has a poor heart.
No feast like a miser's.
No fence against a flail.
No fence against gold.
No fence against ill fortune.
No fine clothes can hide the clown.
No fishing, like fishing in the sea.
No flying from fate.
No flying without wings.
No folly like being in love.
No fool like an old fool.
No foolery like falling out.
No gains without pains.
No gale can equally serve all passengers.
No garden without its weeds.
No glue will hold when the joint is bad.
No good building without a good foundation.
No grass grows in the market-place.
No great loss, but some small profit.
No grief is so acute but time ameliorates it. (*Cicero.*)
No halting before a cripple.
No happiness without holiness.
No honest man ever repented of his honesty.
No honest man has the leer of a rogue.

No ill befalls us but what may be for our good.
No joy like heaven's.
No joy without alloy.
No joy without annoy.
No larder but hath its mice.
No legacy is so rich as honesty.
No living man all things can.
No lock will hold against the power of gold.
No longer foster, no longer friend.
No longer pipe, no longer dance.
No man can be happy without a friend, nor be sure of his friend till he is unhappy.
No man can call again yesterday.
No man can flay a stone.
No man can guess in cold blood what he may do in a passion.
No man can like all, or be liked of all.
No man can stand always upon his guard.
No man can serve two masters.
No man ever lost his credit, but he who had it not.
No man ever surfeited on too much honesty.
No man has a monopoly of craft to himself.
No man is a hero to his valet-de-chambre.
No man is born wise or learned.
No man is free who does not command himself. (*Pythagoras.*)
No man is his craft's master the first day.
No man is so old but thinks he may yet live another year. (*St. Jerome.*)
No man is the worse for knowing the worst of himself.
No man is willing to own him who is out of the good opinion of the world.
No man knows better what good is, than he that has endured evil.
No man knows himself, till he hath tasted of both fortunes.
No man likes his fetters, though of gold.
No man lives so poor as he was born.
No man may be both accuser and judge. (*Plutarch.*)
No man should live in the world, that has nothing to do in it.
No man's religion ever survives his morals.
No matter what the vessel is, so the wine in it be good.

No mill, no meal.
No mirth good but with God.
No mother is so wicked but desires to have good children. (*Ital.*)
No news is good news.
No one ever lost his honour, except he who had it not. (*Publius Syrus.*)
No one is a fool always, every one sometimes.
No one knows the weight of another's burden.
No one knows what will happen to him before sunset.
No pains, no gains.
No power, no respect.
No pride like that of an enriched beggar.
No priority among the dead.
No raillery is worse than that which is true.
No receiver, no thief.
No religion but can boast of its martyrs.
No remedy but patience.
No riches like sobriety.
No rogue like the godly rogue.
No rose without a thorn.
No ruins are so irreparable as those of reputation.
No ruler good save God.
No safe wading in an unknown water.
No secrets but between two.
No silver, no servant.
No smoke without some fire.
No speech good but of God.
No sport, no pie.
No striving against the stream.
No sunshine but hath some shadow.
No sweet without some sweat.
No sweetness in a cabbage twice boiled, or in a tale twice told.
No vice but hath its patron.
No vice goes alone.
No vice like avarice.
No villain like the conscientious villain.
No viper so little but hath its venom.
No weather's ill if the wind be still.
No weeping for shed milk.

No wisdom like silence.
No wonder if he break his shins that walks in the dark.
Nobility is nothing but ancient riches, and money is the world's idol.
Noble plants suit not a stubborn soil.
Nobody calls himself rogue.
Nobody can live longer in peace than his neighbour pleases.
Nobody hath too much prudence or virtue.
Nobody is fond of fading flowers.
Nobody is willing to acknowledge he is in fault.
Nobody so like an honest man as an arrant knave.
None but a wise man can employ leisure well.
None but cats and dogs are allowed to quarrel in my house.
None can be good too soon.
None can be wise and safe, but he that is honest.
None can pray well, but he that lives well.
None can think so well of others, as most do of themselves.
None ever gives the lie to him that praiseth him.
None goes to the gallows for giving ill counsel.
None is so wise, but the fool overtakes him.
None knows the weight of another's burthen.
None more apt to boast than those who have least real worth.
None patient but the wise.
None so blind as those who won't see.
None so deaf as those who won't hear.
Not God above gets all men's love.
Not possession, but use, is the only riches.
Not the pain, but the cause, makes the martyr. (*Ambrose.*)
Nor to go forward in the way of virtue, is to go backwards.
Not to have hope is the poorest of all conditions.
Not to oversee workmen, is to leave them your purse open.
Not to repent of a fault is to justify it.
Not too high for the pye, nor too low for the crow.
Nothing comes out of the sack but what was in it.
Nothing down, nothing up.
Nothing dries sooner than tears.
Nothing have, nothing crave.
Nothing is a man's truly, but what he came by duly.
Nothing is easy to the unwilling.
Nothing is good or bad, but by comparison.

Nothing is hard to a willing mind.
Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.
Nothing is more easily blotted out than a good turn.
Nothing is more easy than to deceive one's self, as our affections are subtle persuaders. (*Demosthenes.*)
Nothing is more precious than time, yet nothing less valued. (*St. Bernard.*)
Nothing is profitable which is dishonest. (*Cicero.*)
Nothing is well said, or done, in a passion.
Nothing more smooth than glass, yet nothing more brittle; nothing more fine than wit, yet nothing more fickle.
Nothing more thankful than pride, when complied with.
Nothing sharpens sight like envy.
Nothing so bad as not to be good for something.
Nothing stake, nothing draw.
Nothing that is violent is permanent.
Nothing to be got without pains, but poverty.
Nothing venture, nothing have.
Novelty always appears handsome.

O.

Oaks may fall, when reeds brave the storm.
Obedience is more seen in little things than in great.
Observe the face of the wife to know the husband's character. (*Span.*)
O' ill debtors men get aiths.
O' the abundance o' the heart the mou' speaketh.
O'er fast, o'er loose.
O'er great familiarity genders despite.
O'er meikle hameliness spills gude courtesy.
O'er meikle o' ae thing is gude for naething.
O'er mony greeves but hinder the wark.
Of a little take a little and leave a little.
Of all birds give me mutton.
Of all crafts, an honest man is the master craft.
Of all meat in the world, drink goes down the best.
Of all tame beasts, I hate sluts.
Of all wars, peace ought to be the end.
Of evil grain no good seed can come.
Of idleness comes no goodness.

Of little meddling comes great ease.
Of money, wit, and virtue, believe one-fourth of what you hear.
Of nothing comes nothing.
Of saving cometh having.
Of soup and love, the first is the best.
Of sufferance comes ease.
Of two evils choose the least.
Of wine the middle, of oil the top, and of honey the bottom is best.
Of young men die many; of old escape not any.
Offences generally outweigh merits with great men.
Offenders never pardon.
Often and little eating makes a man fat.
Often drunk, and seldom sober, falls like the leaves in October.
Oftentimes, to please fools, wise men err.
Oil and truth will get uppermost at last.
Old age is honourable.
Old age, though despised is coveted by all.
Old be, or young die.
Old bees yield no honey.
Old birds are not caught with chaff.
Old custom without truth is but an old error.
Old dogs bark not for nothing.
Old fish, old oil, and an old friend are the best.
Old foxes want no tutors.
Old friends and old wine are best.
Old men and far travellers may lie by authority.
Old men are twice children.
Old men go to death; but death comes to young men.
Old men when they scorn young, make much of death.
Old pottage is sooner heated than new made.
Old praise dies unless you feed it.
Old reckonings breed new disputes.
Old sacks want much patching.
Old sins breed new shame.
Old sores are hardly cured.
Old thanks pay not for a new debt.
Old young and old long.

Omittance is no quittance.
On a good bargain think twice.
On Candlemas day throw candle and candlestick away.
On painting and fighting look afar off.
On St. Luke's day the oxen may play.
On Valentine's day will a good goose lay.
Once a knave, always a knave.
Once an use, and ever a custom.
Once bitten, twice shy.
Once in ten years one man hath need of another.
Once out and always out.
Once paid never craved.
One adversary may do us more harm than a great many friends can do us good.
One and none is all one.
One barking dog sets all the street a barking.
One beats the bush, and another catcheth the bird.
One bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
One bird in the net is better than a hundred flying.
One cannot be in two places at once.
One cannot live by selling ware for words.
One cannot take true aim at things too high.
One cloud is enough to eclipse all the sun.
One crow will not pick out another crow's eyes.
One danger is seldom overcome without another.
One day of pleasure is worth two of sorrow.
One doth the blame, another bears the shame.
One doth the scath, another hath the harm.
One enemy is too much for a man in a great post, and a hundred friends are too few.
One eye of the master sees more than four of the servant's.
One eye-witness is better than ten hearsays.
One favour qualifies for another.
One flower makes no garland.
One fool makes many.
One foolish act may undo a man, and a timely one make his fortune. (*Gaelic.*)
One foot is better than two crutches.
One gift well given recovereth many losses.
One God, no more, but friends good store.
One good head is better than an hundred strong hands.

One good turn asks another.
One good turn deserves another.
One grain of pepper is worth a cart-load of hail.
One grain of sharp pepper is better than a basket full of gourds.
One hair of a woman draws more than a team of oxen.
One half the world knows not how the other half lives.
One hand may wash the other, but both the face.
One hour to-day is worth two to-morrow.
One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two hours after.
One ill example spoils many good.
One ill weed mars a whole pot of pottage.
One ill word asketh another.
One is not so soon healed as hurt.
One jeer seldom goeth forth but it bringeth back its equal.
One kindness is the price of another.
One leg of a lark is worth the whole body of a kite.
One lie makes many.
One lordship is worth all his manners.
One love drives out another.
One mad action is not enough to prove a man mad.
One man may steal a horse, when another may not look over the hedge.
One man's breath's another man's death.
One man's company is no company.
One man's fault is another man's lesson.
One man's meat is another man's poison.
One may as much miss the mark by aiming too high as too low.
One may be confuted and yet not convinced.
One may buy gold too dear.
One may live and learn.
One may point at a star, but not pull at it.
One may say too much even upon the best subject.
One may see day at a little hole.
One may sooner fall than rise.
One may support anything better than too much ease and prosperity. (*Ital.*)
One may surfeit with too much, as well as starve with too little.
One may think that dares not speak.

One may understand like an angel, and yet be a devil.
One may wink and choose.
One nail drives out another.
One never loseth by doing good turns.
One of these days is none of these days.
One ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.
One outward civility is current pay for another.
One pair of heels is often worth two pair of hands.
One part of knowledge consists in being ignorant of such things as are not worthy to be known.
One pirate gets nothing of another but his cask.
One saddle is enough for one horse.
One sheep follows another.
One should make a serious study of a pastime. (*Alexander the Great.*)
One shrewd turn asks another.
One slumber invites another.
One story is good till another is told.
One stroke fells not an oak.
One swallow makes not a spring, nor one woodcock a winter.
One thing thinketh the horse, and another he that saddles him.
One to-day is worth two to-morrows.
One tongue is enough for two women.
One trick needs a great many more to make it good.
One wit, and bought, is worth two for nought.
One wrong step may give you a great fall.
One year a nurse, and seven years the worse.
One year of joy, another of comfort, and all the rest of content. (*A marriage wish.*)
One's too few, three too many.
Only that which is honestly got is gain.
Open confession is good for the soul.
Open not your door when the devil knocks.
Open rebuke is better than secret hatred.
Opinion is the great pillar which upholds the commonwealth. (*Pontanus.*)
Opportunities neglected are lost.
Opportunity is the cream of time.
Opportunity makes the thief.

Oppression causeth rebellion.
Oppression will make a wise man mad.
Oral sanctity is mental impiety
Orators are most vehement when they have the weakest cause, as men get on horseback when they cannot walk.
Other men's failings accuse us of frailty.
Over the greatest beauty hangs the greatest ruin.
Overdoing is doing nothing to the purpose.
Our ancestors grew not great by hawking and hunting.
Our birth made us mortal, our death will make us immortal.
Our desires may undo us.
Our fathers, who were wondrous wise, did wash their throats before they wash'd their eyes.
Our flatterers are our most dangerous enemies, tho' they often lie in our bosoms.
Our pleasures are imagined, but our griefs are all real.
Our virtues would be proud if our vices whipp'd them not.
Out of debt, out of danger.
Out of door, out of debt.
Out of sight, out of mind.
Out of the frying-pan into the fire.
Owe money to be paid at Easter, and Lent will seem short.
Oysters are not good in a month that hath not an R in it.

P.

Pain is forgotten where gain comes.
Pain past is pleasure.
Pains are the wages of ill pleasures.
Painted pictures are dead speakers.
Painters and poets hae liberty to lie.
Pardon all men, but never thyself.
Pardoning the bad is injuring the good.
Passion maketh man a beast, but wine maketh him worse.
Passionate men, like fleet hounds, are apt to over-run the scent.
Passionate people lay up no malice.
Past and to come seem best; things present, worst.
Past labour is pleasant.
Patch and long sit, build and soon flit.

Patch by patch is good housewifery, but patch upon patch is plain beggary.
Pater-noster built churches, and '*our father*' pulls them down.
Patience and application will carry us through.
Patience and pusillanimity are two things.
Patience, and shuffle the cards.
Patience is a flower that grows not in every garden.
Patience is a plaister for all sores.
Patience is so like fortitude, that she seems either her sister or her daughter. (*Aristotle.*)
Patience is the best buckler against affronts.
Patience, money, and time, bring all things to pass.
Patience under old injuries invites new ones. (*Publius Syrus*).
Patience upon force is a medicine for a mad dog.
Patience with poverty is all a poor man's remedy.
Pay what you owe, and what you're worth you'll know.
Peace flourishes when reason rules.
Peace would be universal, if there were neither mine nor thine. (*Ital.*)
Pen and ink is wit's plough.
Penny and penny laid up will be many.
Penny in pocket is a good companion.
Penny in purse will make me drink, when all the friends I have will not.
Penny wise and pound foolish.
People who live in glass houses should never throw stones.
Perfect love never settled in a light head.
Perseverance kills the game.
Peter in, Paul's out.
Pheasants are fools, if they invite the hawk to dinner.
Physicians' faults are covered with earth, and rich men's with money.
Pickpockets are sure traders, for they take ready money.
Pie lid makes people wise.
Pigeons are taken, when crows fly at pleasure.
Pigs fly in the air with their tails forward.
Pill a fig for your friend, and a peach for your enemy.
Pin not your faith on another's sleeve.
Pitchers have ears.

Pity cureth envy.
Placks an' bawbees grow pounds.
Plain dealing is a jewel; but they that wear it are out of fashion.
Plain dealing is dead, and died without issue.
Plain dealing is more praised than practised.
Plain dealing's a jewel; but they that use it die beggars.
Plain of poverty and die a beggar.
Plant the crab tree where you will, it will never bear pippins.
Plants too often removed will not thrive.
Play at small games rather than stand out.
Play not with a man till you hurt him, nor jest till you shame him.
Play with a fool at home, and he will play the fool with you in the market.
Play wi' your play fairs.
Play, women, and wine undo men laughing.
Play's gude while it is play.
Pleasant company alone makes this life tolerable. (*Span.*)
Pleasant hours fly fast.
Pleasing ware is half sold.
Pleasure that comes too thick grows fulsome.
Pleasures, while they flatter, sting.
Plenty makes dainty.
Plough deep whilst sluggards sleep, and you shall have corn to sell and to keep.
Plough or not plough, you must pay your rent. (*Span.*)
Pluck not a courtesy in the bud, before it is ripe.
Poets are born, but orators are made.
Point not at other's spots with a foul finger.
Policy goes beyond strength.
Policy may be virtuous as well as vicious.
Poor fowk are fain o' little.
Poor fowks' freends soon misken them.
Poor men have no souls.
Poor men seek meat for their stomach; rich men stomach for their meat.
Poor men's tables are soon spread.
Possession is eleven points in the law, and they say there are but twelve.

Poverty breeds strife.
Poverty craves many things, but avarice more. (*Ital.*)
Poverty is a complication of evils.
Poverty is not a shame, but the being ashamed of it is.
Poverty is shamefully borne by a sluggard.
Poverty is the mother of all arts.
Poverty is the mother of health.
Poverty makes a man acquainted with strange bed-fellows.
Poverty on an old man's back is a heavy burthen.
Poverty parteth friends.
Poverty parteth good fellowship.
Poverty trieth friends.
Power weakeneth the wicked.
Practice makes perfect.
Practise what you preach.
Praise is pleasing to him that thinks he deserves it.
Praise is the hire of virtue. (*Cicero.*)
Praise makes good men better, and bad men worse.
Praise not the day before night.
Praise not the ford, till you are safe over.
Praise not the unworthy on account of their wealth.
Praise the sea, but keep on land.
Praise without profit puts little in the pot.
Prate is prate; but it's the duck that lays the egg.
Prayer should be the key of the day, and the lock of the night.
Prayers and provender hinder no man's journey.
Precepts may lead, but examples draw.
Prefer loss to unjust gain.
Preserve thyself from the occasion, and God will preserve thee from the sin.
Presumption first blinds a man, and then sets him a running.
Prettiness makes no pottage
Prevention is better than cure.
Pride an' grace ne'er dwell in one place.
Pride and poverty are ill met, yet often together.
Pride breakfasted with plenty, dined with poverty, and supped with infamy.
Pride feels no cold.
Pride goes before, and shame follows after.
Pride had rather go out of the way, than go behind.

Pride in prosperity turns to misery in adversity.
Pride increaseth our enemies, but putteth our friends to flight.
Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great deal more saucy.
Pride is the sworn enemy to content.
Pride, joined with many virtues, chokes them all.
Pride loves no man, and is beloved of no man.
Pride may lurk under a thread-bare cloak.
Pride ne'er leaves its master till it gets a fa'.
Pride often borrows the cloak of humility.
Pride scorns a director, and choler a counsellor.
Pride scorns the vulgar, yet lies at its mercy.
Pride that dines on vanity, sups on contempt.
Pride will have a fall.
Procrastination is the thief of time.
Proffered service stinks.
Promises are like pie-crust, make to be broken.
Promises may get friends, but 'tis performances that keep them.
Prospect is often better than possession.
Prosperity and vanity are often lodged together.
Prosperity destroys fools, and endangers the wise.
Prosperity discovers vices, and adversity virtue.
Prosperity engenders sloth. (*Livy.*)
Prosperity gets followers, but adversity distinguishes them.
Prosperity lets go the bridle.
Prosperity makes friends, and adversity tries them. (*Pacuvius.*)
Prosperous men seldom mend their faults.
Proud looks lose hearts, but courteous words win them.
Prove thy friend ere thou have need.
Provide for the worst, the best will save itself.
Provide for thy soul by doing good works.
Providence is better than rent.
Provision in season makes a bien house.
Prudent cruelty is better than foolish pity.
Prudent pauses forward business.
Public reproof hardens shame.
Puddings an' paramours shou'd be hastily handled.
Puddings an' wort are hasty dirt.

Puff not against the wind.
Pull down your hat on the wind side.
Pull hair and hair and you'll make the carle bald.
Pull off the skin in the streets, and receive thy wages.
Punctuality is the soul of business.
Purposing without performing is mere fooling.
Put a coward to his mettle, and he'll fight the devil.
Put a miller, a weaver, and a tailor in a bag, and shake them, the first that comes out will be a thief.
Put another man's child into your bosom, and he'll creep out at your elbow.
Put no faith in tale-bearers.
Put not an embroidered crupper on an ass.
Put not thy hand between the bark and the tree.
Put not your foot in it.
Put off your armour, and then shew your courage.
Put on your spurs, an' be at your speed.
Put twa pennies in a purse an' they'll creep thegither.
Put up your pipes, and go to Lockington wake.
Put your finger in the fire, and say 'twas your ill fortune.
Put your hand nae farther than your sleeve will reach.

Q.

Quackery has no friend like gullibility.
Quality without quantity is little thought o'.
Quarrelling dogs come halting home.
Quarrels could not last long, were but prudence on one side.
Quick at meat, quick at work.
Quick come, quick go.
Quick landlords make careful tenants.
Quick returns mak' rich merchants.
Quick wits are generally conceited.
Quickly too'd (*i.e.* toothed) and quickly go, quickly will thy mother have moe.
Quiet sleep feels no foul weather.
Quit not certainty for hope.

R.

Rackless youth maks ruefu' eild.
Ragged colts may make fine horses.

Rain at seven, fine at eleven.
Raise no more spirits than you can conjure upon.
Rare commodities are worth more than good.
Rash presumption is a ladder, which will break the mounter's neck.
Rashness is not valour.
Rat him awa wi' butter an' eggs.
Rather go to bed supperless, than rise in debt.
Rather sell than be poor.
Rather spill your joke than tine your freend.
Raw dads mak fat lads.
Raw leather will stretch.
Ready money is ready medicine.
Ready money will away.
Reason binds the man.
Reason governs the wise man, and cudgels the fool.
Rebuke with soft words and hard arguments.
Rebukes ought not to have a grain more of salt than of sugar.
Reckless youth makes rueful age. (*Scotch.*)
Reckon not your chickens before they are hatched.
Reckoners without their host reckon twice.
Red sky at night, shepherd's delight: red sky at morning, shepherd's warning.
Refuse a wife with one fault and take one with two.
Regal honours have regal cares.
Regulate thy own passions, and bear those of others.
Rejoice shrovetide, to-day, for to-morrow you'll be ashes.
Religion is the best armour, but the worst cloak.
Religious contention is the devil's harvest. (*Fr.*)
Remove an old tree, and it will wither to death.
Remove not the ancient land-marks which they fathers have set. (*Solomon.*)
Repentance is not to be measured by inches and hours.
Repentance is the whip for fools.
Reprove others, but correct thyself.
Reprove thy friend privately; commend him publicly. (*Solon.*)
Reputation is commonly measured by the acre.
Reputation is often got without merit, and lost without fault.

Reputation serves to virtue as light does to a picture.
Reproof never does a wise man harm.
Respect a man, he will do the more.
Restive horses must be roughly dealt with.
Revenge in cold blood is the devil's own act and deed.
Revenge is sweet.
Rewards and punishments are the basis of good government.
Reynard is still Reynard, though he put on a cowl.
Rich fowk hae routh o' freends.
Rich men, and fortunate men, have need of much prudence.
Rich men feel misfortunes that pass over poor men's heads.
Rich men have no faults.
Rich men's spots are covered with money.
Riches abuse them who know not how to use them.
Riches are but the baggage of fortune.
Riches are like muck, which stink in a heap, but spread abroad, make the earth fruitful.
Riches have made more men covetous, than covetousness hath made men rich.
Riches have wings.
Riches serve a wise man, but command a fool.
Riches well got, and well used, are a great blessing.
Right coral calls for no colouring.
Right mixture makes good mortar.
Right wrangs nae man.
Rolling stones gather no moss.
Rome was not built in a day.
Roose the ford as ye find it.
Roses have thorns.
Rue an' thyme grow baith in ae garden.
Rule lust, temper the tongue, and bridle the belly.
Rule youth weel, an' eild will rule itsel.
Run tap, run tapster.
Running hares do not need the spur. (*Ital.*)

S.

Sadness and gladness succeed each other.
Safe bind, safe find.
Saft fire maks sweet mawt.
Sair cravers are ay ill payers.

Sairy be your meal-pock, an' ay your neive i' the neuk o't.
Salisbury Plain is seldom without a thief or twain.
Salmon and sermon have their season in Lent.
Salt cooks bear blame, but fresh bear shame.
Samson was a strong man, yet could not pay money before he had it.
Satires run faster than panegyrics.
Saturday servants never stay, Sunday servants run away.
Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
Save a thief from the gallows, and he'll be the first shall cut your throat.
Save something for the man that rides on the white horse.
Saving is getting.
Saw thin, shear thin.
Say no ill of the year till it be past.
Say nothing of my debts unless you mean to pay them.
Say nothing when you are dead.
Say well, and do well, end with one letter; say well is good, but do well is better.
Saying and doing are two things.
Saying gangs cheap.
Scabby heads love not the comb.
Scald not your lips in another man's pottage.
Scalded cats fear even cold water.
Scandal will rub out like dirt when it is dry.
Scanderbeg's sword must have Scanderbeg's arm.
Scant o' cheeks maks a lang nose.
Scart the cog wa'd sup mair.
Scatter with one hand, gather with two.
Sceptres and suitors hate competitors.
School-boys are the most reasonable people in the world; they care not how little they have for their money.
Scorn at first makes after-love the more.
Scorn comes commonly wi' skaith.
Scorning is catching.
Search not a wound too deep, lest thou make a new one.
Second thoughts are best.
Secret mines may take the town, when open battery cannot.
See for your love, and buy for your money.
See, listen, and be silent, and you will live in peace. (*Ital.*)
Seeing's believing, but feeling's the truth.

Seek love and it will shun you, haste away, and 'twill outrun you.
Seek not to reform every one's dial by your own watch.
Seek till you find, and you'll not lose your labour.
Seek your salve where you got your sore.
Seek your saw whar ye gat your ail, an' beg your barm whar you buy your ale.
Self do, self have.
Self-exaltation is the fool's paradise.
Self-love is a mote in every man's eye.
Self-praise is no recommendation.
Self-preservation is the first law of nature.
Seldom lies the de'il dead by the dyke-side.
Seldom lies the devil dead in a ditch.
Seldom seen, soon forgotten.
Sell not the bear's skin before you have caught him.
Send a fool to the market, and a fool he'll return.
Send a wise man of an errand, and say nothing to him.
Send not for a hatchet to break open an egg with.
Send not to market for trouble.
Send your noble blood to market and see what it will buy.
September blow soft, till the fruit's in the loft.
Serpents engender in still waters.
Servants should put on patience, when they put on a livery.
Servants will not be diligent, where the master's negligent.
Serve a great man, and you will know what sorrow is. (*Span.*)
Serve yoursel till your bairns come to age.
Service is no inheritance.
Serving one's own passions is the greatest slavery.
Set a beggar on horseback, he'll ride to the devil.
Set a cow to catch a hare.
Set a fool to roast eggs, and a wise man to eat them.
Set a stout heart to a stay brae.
Set a thief to catch a thief.
Set hard heart against hard hap.
Set not your house on fire to be revenged of the moon.
Set not your loaf in till the oven's hot.
Set the saddle on the right horse.
Set trees poor and they will grow rich; set them rich and they will grow poor.
Seven may be company, but nine are confusion.

Shake a bridle over a Yorkshireman's grave, and he'll rise and steal a horse.
Shake a Leicestershire man by the collar, and you shall hear the beans rattle in his belly.
Shall the goslings teach the goose to swim?
Shallow waters mak maist din.
Shallow wits censure every thing that is beyond their depth.
Shame fa' them that shame think to do themselves a gude turn.
Shame may restrain what the law does not prohibit. (*Seneca.*)
Shameless craving must have shameful nay.
Shameless pray must have shameless nay.
Share not pears with your master, either in jest or in earnest.
Sharp stomachs make short devotion.
Shaw me the man an' I'll shaw you the law.
She is well-married, who has neither mother-in-law nor sister-in-law by her husband. (*Span.*)
She that hath an ill husband shews it in her dress.
She that hath spice enough may season as she likes.
She that is ashamed to eat at table, eats in private.
She that looks too much *at* herself, looks too little *to* herself.
She that loseth her modesty and honesty hath nothing else worth losing.
She that marries ill never wants something to say for it.
She that taks gifts hersel she sells, an' she that gie's them does naething else.
She who is born a beauty is half married.
Shear your sheep in May, and shear them all away.
Shew me a liar, and I'll shew you a thief.
Shew me a man without a spot, and I'll shew you a maid without a fault.
Ships fear fire more than water.
Short acquaintance brings repentance.
Short pleasure, long lament.
Short reckonings are soon cleared.
Short reckonings make long friends.
Short shooting loses the game.
Sic as ye gie sic will ye get.
Sic man sic master, sic priest sic offering.
Sickness is felt, but health not at all.
Sickness tells us what we are.

Sickness will spoil the happiness of an emperor, as well as mine.
Silent men, like still waters, are deep and dangerous.
Silence is a fine jewel for a woman, but it's little worn.
Silence is consent.
Silence is the best ornament of a woman.
Silence is wisdom, and gets friends.
Silence is wisdom, when speaking is folly.
Silence seldom doth harm.
Silks and satins put out the fire in the kitchen.
Silks and satins, scarlets and velvets, put out the kitchen fire.
Silly bairns are eith to lear.
Sink or swim.
Sins and debts are always more than we think them to be.
Sit in your place, and none can make you rise.
Sit still rather than rise and fall down.
Six awls make a shoemaker.
Six feet of earth make all men equal.
Six hours' sleep for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool.
Slander flings stones at itself.
Slander leaves a score behind it.
Slanderers are the devil's bellows, to blow up contention.
Slavering folks kiss sweet, but snotty folks are wise.
Sleep without supping, and wake without owing.
Sloth is the key to poverty.
Sloth is the mother of poverty.
Sloth, like rust, consumes faster than labour wears.
Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry all things easy.
Sloth turneth the edge of wit.
Slow at meat, slow at work.
Slow fire makes sweet malt.
Sluggards are never great scholars.
Sluggards' guise, slow to bed, and slow to rise.
Sluts are good enough to make slovens' pottage.
Sly knavery is too hard for honest wisdom.
Sma' fish are better than nae fish.
Sma' winnings mak a heavy purse.
Small birds must have meat.
Small cheer and great welcome make a great feast.
Small faults indulged are little thieves, that let in greater.

Small invitation will serve a beggar.
Small rain lays great dust.
Small stomachs, light heels.
Small wounds, if many, may be mortal.
Smoke, raining into the house, and a scolding wife, will make a man run out of doors.
Smooth waters rin deep.
Snotty folks are sweet, but slavering folks are weet.
So got, so gone.
So live and hope as if thou would'st die immediately. (*Pliny.*)
So many countries, so many customs.
So many frosts in March, so many in May.
So many men, so many minds.
So many mists as in March you see, so many frosts in May will be.
So yourself be good, a fig for your grandfather.
Soft and fair goes far.
Soft fire makes sweet malt.
Soft words are hard arguments.
Soft words break no bones.
Soft words hurt not the mouth.
Soldiers are martyrs to ambition.
Soldiers in peace are like chimnies in summer.
Solitude dulls the thought, too much company dissipates it.
Some are always busy, and never do anything.
Some are atheists only in fair weather.
Some are wise, and some are otherwise.
Some go to law for the wagging of a straw.
Some good, some bad, as sheep come to the fold.
Some had rather guess at much, than take the pains to learn a little.
Some hae a hantle fauts, ye're only a ne'er-do-weel.
Some have been thought brave, because they were afraid to run away.
Some have the hap, some stick in the gap.
Some injure all they fear, and hate all they injure.
Some rain, some rest.
Some savers in a house do well.
Some that speak no ill of any, do no good to any.
Some would play a tune, before you can tune your fiddle.
Something hath some savour.

Sometimes it is better to give your apple away than eat it yourself.
Sometimes words hurt more than swords.
Soon enough, if weel enough.
Soon got, soon spent.
Soon hot, soon cold.
Soon learnt, soon forgotten.
Soon ripe, soon rotten.
Sooner said than done.
Sorrow an' ill weather come unsent for.
Sorrow and an evil life maketh soon an old wife.
Sorrow comes unsent for.
Sorrow ends not when it seemeth done.
Sorrow for a husband, is like a pain in the elbow, sharp and short.
Sorrow is always dry.
Sorrow is good for nothing but sin.
Sorrow will pay no debt.
Sour grapes, as the fox said when he could not reach them.
Sour grapes can ne'er make sweet wine.
Sow good works, and thou shalt reap gladness.
Spaniels that fawn when beaten, will never forsake their masters.
Spare at the brim, not at the bottom.
Spare the rod, and spoil the child.
Spare to speak, and spare to speed.
Spare well and spend well.
Spare when you are young, and spend when you are old.
Spare your breath to cool your pottage.
Sparrows fight for corn, which is none of their own.
Speak fair, and think what you will.
Speak little and to the purpose, and you will pass for somebody.
Speak the truth, and shame the devil.
Speak well, even to bad men.
Speak well of the dead.
Speak well of your friend, of your enemy say nothing.
Speak what you will, bad men will turn it ill.
Speak when you are spoke to; come when you are called.
Spears are not made of bulrushes.

Speech is the gift of all, but the thought of few. (*Cato.*)
Speech is the picture of the mind.
Speedy execution is the mother of good fortune.
Spend and be free, but make no waste.
Spend, and God will send.
Spend not, where you may save; spare not, where you must spend.
Spilt wine is worse than water.
Spin not too fine a thread, lest it break in weaving up.
Spit in your hand, and take better hold.
Spit not against heaven, 'twill fall back in thy face.
Sport is sweetest when no spectators.
Spread the table, and contention will cease.
Spur not a free horse to death.
St. Bartholomew brings the cold dew.
St. Benedick, sow thy pease, or keep them in thy rick.
St. Giles' breed; fat, ragged, and saucy.
St. Matthee, shut up the bee.
St. Matthew brings on the cold dew.
St. Matthie sends sap into the tree.
St. Mattho, take thy hopper, and sow.
St. Matthy all the year goes by.
St. Peter's in the Poor, where's no tavern, alehouse, or sign at the door.
St. Valentine, set thy hopper by mine.
Stake not thy head against another's hat.
Standers-by see more than gamesters.
Standing pools gather filth.
Stars are not seen by sun-shine.
Stay till you have sheep before you shear them.
Steal a pig, and give the trotters for God's sake. (*Span.*)
Steal the goose, and give the giblets in alms.
Steal the horse, and carry home the bridle.
Step after step the ladder is ascended.
Steer not after every mariner's direction.
Still he fisheth that catcheth one.
Still waters run deep.
Store is no sore.
Stormy showers breed fragrant flowers.
Stown dints are sweetest.
Straight trees have crooked roots.

Stretch your arm no further than your sleeve will reach.
Stretch your legs according to your coverlet.
Stretching and yawning leadeth to bed.
Strike while the iron is hot.
Striking and not making it felt, is anger lost.
Strive not against the stream.
Striving to better, oft we mar what's well.
Study sickness while you are well.
Subtility set a trap, and caught itself.
Success consecrates the foulest crimes. (*Seneca.*)
Success is never blamed.
Success makes a fool seem wise.
Successful guilt is the bane of society. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Such a father, such a son.
Such a welcome, such a farewell.
Such as are careless of themselves, can hardly be mindful of others. (*Thales.*)
Such as give ear to slanderers, are worse than slanderers themselves. (*Domitian.*)
Such as the priest, such is the clerk.
Such as the tree is, such is the fruit.
Such is the government, such are the people. (*Ital.*)
Sudden friendship, sure repentance.
Sudden glory soon goes out.
Sudden joy kills sooner than excessive grief.
Sudden movements of the mind often break out either for great good or great evil. (*Homer.*)
Sudden passions are hard to be managed.
Sudden trust brings sudden repentance.
Sue a beggar, and get a louse.
Suffering for a friend doubleth the friendship.
Sunday sail, never fail.
Supple knees feed arrogance.
Sure bind sure find.
Surfeits slay mae than swords.
Surgeons should have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart, and a lady's hand.
Suspect the meaning, and regard not speeches. (*Socrates.*)
Suspicion is the virtue of a coward.
Suspicion may be no fault, but shewing it is a great one.
Sweep before your own door.

Sweer to bed, an' sweer up i' the morning.
Sweet discourse makes short days and nights.
Sweet-heart and honey-bird keeps no house.
Sweet meat must have sour sauce.
Sweet words butter no parsnips.
Swine, women, and bees, cannot be turned.
Sympathy of manners maketh conjunction of minds

T.

Tailors and writers must mind the fashion.
Tailors' shreds are worth the cutting.
Take a man by his word and a cow by her horns.
Tak part o' the pelf when the pack's dealing.
Tak the bit, an' the buffet wi't.
Tak your ain will, an' then ye'll no die o' the pet.
Take a vine of a good soil, and a daughter of a good mother.
Take all, and pay the baker.
Take a hair of the same dog that bit you.
Take away fuel, take away flame.
Take away my good name, take away my life.
Take care of the pence, the pounds will take care of themselves.
Take heed, girl, of the promise of a man; for it will run like a crab. (*Span.*)
Take heed is a good read.
Take heed of an ox before, an ass behind, and a monk on all sides.
Take heed of enemies reconciled, and of meat twice boiled.
Take heed will surely speed.
Take heed you find not that you do not seek.
Take hold of a good minute.
Take not a musket to kill a butterfly.
Take the chestnuts out of the fire with a cat's paw.
Take the will for the deed.
Take time by the forelock.
Take time when time is, for time will away.
Take your venture, as many a good ship hath done.
Take your wife's first advice, not her second.
Tale-bearers are commonly a sort of half-witted men.

Tales of Robin Hood are good enough for fools.
Talk is but talk; but 'tis money that buys land.
Talk much, and err much.
Talk of an angel and you'll hear his wings.
Talk of camps, but stay at home.
Talk of the devil and his imp appears.
Talk of the devil, and he'll either come or send.
Talk of the war, but do not go to it. (*Span.*)
Talking pays no toll.
Tarry long brings little home.
Teaching others teacheth yourself.
Tell a lie, and find the truth.
Tell a woman she's a beauty, and the devil will tell her so ten times.
Tell it well, or say nothing.
Tell no tales out of school.
Tell not all you know, nor do all you can. (*Ital.*)
Tell nothing to thy friend which thine enemy may not know. (*Dan.*)
Tell the truth and shame the devil.
Temperance is the best physic.
Temporizing is sometimes great wisdom.
That anger is not warrantable, that has seen two suns.
That cat is out of kind that sweet milk will not lap.
That city cannot prosper, where an ox is sold for less than a fish.
That city is in a bad case, whose physician hath the gout.
That fish will soon be caught that nibbles at every bait.
That grief is light which is capable of counsel.
That is a wise delay which makes the road safe.
That is a woeful silly sheep that goes to the wolf to confess.
That is but a slippery happiness that fortune can give and fortune take away.
That is but an empty purse that is full of other men's money.
That is good sport that fills the belly.
That is not always good in the maw that is sweet in the mouth.
That is true which all men say.
That is well spoken that is well taken.
That little which is good fills the trencher.
That man is well bought who costs but a salutation.

That man sins charitably who damns none but himself.
That mischief comes justly that is of your own seeking.
That must be true which all men say.
That patient is not like to recover who makes the doctor his heir.
That penny's well spent that saves a groat.
That pilgrim is base that speaks ill of his staff. (*Span.*)
That sheep has his belly full that buts his companion. (*Span.*)
That sick man is not to be pitied, who hath his cure in his sleeve.
That suit is best that best fits me.
That that comes of a cat will catch mice.
That trial is not fair where affection is the judge.
That war is only just which is necessary.
That which a man causes to be done he does himself.
That which blossoms in the spring will bring forth fruit in the autumn.
That which covers thee discovers thee.
That which has its value from fancy is not very valuable.
That which is easily done is soon believed.
That which is evil is soon learnt.
That which is good for the back is bad for the head.
That which is one man's meat is another man's poison.
That which is well done is twice done.
That which makes wise men modest makes fools unmannerly.
That which may fall out at any time may fall out to-day.
That which one most forehets soonest comes to pass.
That which proves too much proves nothing.
That which was bitter to endure may be sweet to remember.
That which we may live without we need not much covet.
That which will not be butter must be made into cheese.
That which will not be spun, let it not come between the spindle and the distaff.
That which will not make a pot may make a pot-lid.
That's my good that does me good.
That's not good language that all understand not.
The absent party are always at fault.
The abundance of money ruins youth.
The abuse of riches is worse than the want of them.
The accused is not guilty till he is convicted. (*Lactantius.*)
The air of a window is as the stroke of a cross-bow.

The amity which wisdom uniteth not, folly will untie.
The anger of a good man is the hardest to bear. (*Publius Syrus.*)
The anvil fears no blows.
The ape claspeth her young so long, that at last she killeth them.
The applause of the people is a blast of air.
The approaches of love must be resisted at the first assault, lest they undermine at the second. (*Pythagoras.*)
The army that comes off best loses some.
The ass brays when he pleases.
The ass knows well in whose face he brays. (*Span.*)
The ass that brays most eats least.
The ass that carrieth wine drinketh water.
The auld aver may die waiting for new grass.
The axe goes to the wood from whence it borrowed its helve.
The back an' the belly haud every ane busy.
The back-door robbeth the house.
The bait hides the hook.
The balance distinguishes not between gold and lead.
The banes o' a great estate are worth the piking.
The barber learns to shave on the orphan's face. (*Arabic.*)
The barley-corn is the heart's key.
The bear wants a tail, and cannot be lion.
The bee from her industry in the summer eats honey all the winter.
The beggar is never out of his way.
The beggar may sing before the thief.
The belly hates a long sermon.
The belly hath no ears.
The belly is not filled with fair words.
The belly is the commanding part of the body. (*Homer.*)
The belly teaches all arts.
The belly that's full may well fast.
The belly thinks the throat cut.
The best cart may overthrow.
The best colt needs breaking.
The best cloth may have a moth in it.
The best dog leaps the stile first.
The best fish swim near the bottom.
The best friends are in the purse. (*German.*)

The best go first, the bad remain to mend.
The best horse needs breaking, and the aptest child needs teaching.
The best is best cheap.
The best metal is iron, the best vegetable wheat, and the worst animal man.
The best medals lose their lustre unless brightened by use.
The best mirror is an old friend.
The best mode of instruction is to practise what we teach.
The best of the sport is to do the deed, and say nothing.
The best patch is off the same cloth.
The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.
The best remedy against an ill man is much ground between both.
The best remedy of affliction is submitting to Providence.
The best surgeon is he of the soul.
The best surgeon is he that has been well hacked himself.
The best thing in the world is to live above it.
The best things are worst to come by.
The best throw of the dice is to throw them away.
The better the day, the better the deed.
The better-natured, the sooner undone.
The better part of valour is discretion.
The better workman, the worse husband.
The biggest horses are not the best travellers.
The bird that can sing, and won't sing, must be made to sing.
The biter is sometimes bit.
The blind horse is the hardiest.
The blood of the soldier makes the glory of the general.
The body is the socket of the soul.
The body is the workhouse of the soul.
The boughs that bear most hang lowest.
The brain that sows not corn plants thistles.
The brains don't lie in the beard.
The brains of a fox will be of little service, if you play with the paw of a lion.
The breast-plate of innocence is not always scandal-proof.
The bride goes to her marriage-bed, but knows not what shall happen to her.

The brightest of all things, the sun, hath its spots.
The brother had rather see the sister rich than make her so.
The burden which was thoughtlessly got must be patiently borne. (*Gaelic.*)
The burnt child dreads the fire.
The butcher looked for his knife, when he had it in his mouth.
The calmest husbands make the stormiest wives.
The camel going to seek horns, lost his ears.
The cat and dog may kiss, yet are none the better friends.
The cat hath eaten her count.
The cat in gloves catches no mice.
The cat invites the mouse to a feast.
The cat is hungry when a crust contents her.
The cat knows whose lips she licks.
The chamber of sickness is the chapel of devotion.
The charitable give out at the door and God puts in at the window.
The cheap buyer takes bad meat.
The chicken craves the capon.
The chicken is the country's, but the city eats it.
The chief end of man is not to get money.
The child saith nothing but what he heard at the fire-side.
The church is not so large, but the priest may say service in it.
The church is out of temper when charity waxeth cold, and zeal hot.
The clerk wishes the priest to have a fat dish. (*Gaelic.*)
The clock goes as it pleases the clerk.
The coin most current is flattery.
The collier and his money are both black.
The comforter's head never aches.
The commandants have made as many good martyrs as the creed.
The common horse is worst shod.
The company-keeper has almost as many snares as companions.
The complaint of the present times is the general complaint of all times.
The conquered is never called wise, nor the conqueror rash.
The counsels that are given in wine, will do no good to thee or thine.

The course of true love never did run smooth.
The cow gives good milk, but kicks over the pail.
The cow knows not the value of her tail till she has lost it.
The cow little giveth, that hardly liveth.
The cow that's first up gets the first o' the dew.
The credit got by a lie lasts only till the truth comes out.
The cross is the ladder of Heaven.
The crow thinks her own bird fairest.
The crutch of time does more than the club of Hercules.
The cunning wife makes her husband her apron.
The cure may be worse than the disease.
The danger past, and God forgotten.
The day has eyes, the night has ears.
The dead, and only they, should do nothing.
The death of wives and the loss of sheep make men rich.
The death of your first wife made such a hole in your heart, that all the rest slip through.
The de'il an' the dean begin wi' ae letter; when the de'il has the dean the kirk will be the better.
The devil always leaves a stink behind him.
The devil entangles youth with beauty, the miser with gold, the ambitious with power, the learned with false doctrine.
The devil gets up to the belfry by the vicar's skirts.
The devil goes shares in gaming.
The devil is a busy bishop in his own diocese.
The devil is a most bad master.
The devil is good to some.
The devil is good when he is pleased.
The devil is in the dice.
The devil is never nearer than when we are talking of him.
The devil is not always at one door.
The devil is not so black as he is painted.
The devil is subtle, yet weaves a coarse web. (*Ital.*)
The devil lies brooding in the miser's chest.
The devil rebukes sin.
The devil will not come into Cornwall, for fear of being put into a pie.
The devil would have been a weaver but for the Temples.
The devil's behind the glass.
The devil's meal is half bran.
The diligent spinner has a large shift.

The disobedience of the patient makes the physician seem cruel.
The dog that licks ashes trust not with meal.
The door that is not opened to him that begs our alms will be opened to the physician.
The drunkard continually assaults his own life.
The dust raised by the sheep does not choke the wolf.
The early bird catcheth the worm.
The early sower never borrows of the late.
The earth produces all things and receives all again.
The earthen pot must keep clear of the brass kettle.
The easiest way to dignity is humility.
The ebb will fetch off what the tide brings in.
The empty vessel makes the greatest sound.
The end crowns all.
The end makes all equal.
The end of a dissolute life is commonly a desperate death. (*Bion.*)
The end of fishing is not angling, but catching.
The end of passion is the beginning of repentance.
The Englishman weeps, the Irishman sleeps, but the Scotchman goes while he gets it.
The envious hurts others something, but himself more.
The envious man's face grows sharp, and his eyes big.
The epicure puts his purse into his belly; the miser his belly into his purse.
The eternal talker neither hears nor learns.
The evening crowns the day.
The evil that cometh out of thy mouth flieth into thy bosom.
The evil wound is cured, but not the evil name.
The example of good men is visible philosophy.
The exception proves the rule.
The exposition is better than the text.
The eye is a shrew.
The eye is the pearl of the face.
The eye of the master does more than both his hands.
The eye strays not while under the guidance of reason. (*Publius Syrus.*)
The eye that sees all things else sees not itself.
The eyes serve for ears to the deaf. (*Ital.*)

The eyes, the ears, the tongue, the hands, the feet, all fast in their way.
The failings of other men accuse us of frailty.
The fairer the hostess, the fouler the reckoning.
The fairer the paper, the fouler the blot.
The fairest-looking shoe may pinch the foot.
The fairest rose at last is withered.
The fairest silk is soonest stained.
The farther in, the deeper.
The farthest way about is the nearest way home.
The father sighs more at the death of one son, than he smiles at the birth of many.
The father to the bough, the son to the plough.
The fault of the ass must not be laid on the pack-saddle.
The favour of great men and the praise of the world are not much to be relied on.
The fear of war is worse than war itself.
The feet of the deities are shod with wool. (*Latin.*)
The fewer his years, the fewer his tears.
The fly that playeth too long in the candle, singeth her wings at last.
The finest lawn soonest stains.
The finest shoe often hurts the foot.
The fire in the flint shows not till it's struck.
The fire of London was a punishment for gluttony.
The fire that burneth taketh the heat out of a burn.
The fire that does not warm me shall never scorch me.
The fire which lighteth us at a distance will burn us when near.
The first breath is the beginning of death.
The first chapter of fools is to esteem themselves wise.
The first day of April, you may send a fool whither you will.
The first degree of folly is to think one's self wise; the next to tell others so; the third, to despise all counsel.
The first dish pleaseth all.
The first draught a man drinks ought to be for thirst, the second for nourishment, the third for pleasure, and the fourth for madness. (*Anacharsis.*)
The first faults are theirs that commit them; the second theirs that permit them.
The first men in the world were a gardener, a ploughman, and a grazier.

The first of the nine orders of knaves is he that tells his errand before he goes it.
The first pig, but the last whelp of the litter, is the best.
The first point of hawking is hold fast.
The first step to a good name is a good life, and the next is good behaviour.
The first step to virtue is to love virtue in another.
The first step to virtue is to abstain from vice.
The first sup o' a fat haggis is the bauldest.
The first thing a poor gentleman calls for in the morning is a needle and thread. (*Scotch.*)
The first wife is matrimony, the second company, the third heresy. (*Ital.*)
The fish by struggling in the net, hampers itself the more.
The fish may be caught in a net, that will not come to a hook.
The follies of youth are food for repentance in old age.
The folly of one man is the fortune of another.
The fool is busy in every one's business but his own.
The fool runs away while his house is burning.
The fool wanders; the wise man travels.
The fool will not part with his bauble for the Tower of London.
The foolish alchymist sought to make gold of iron, and made iron of gold. (*Ital.*)
The foot of the owner is the best manure for his land.
The foot on the cradle and hand on the distaff is the sign of a good housewife.
The foremost dog catcheth the hare.
The fork is commonly the rake's heir.
The fowler's pipe sounds sweet till the bird is caught.
The fox fares best when he is most cursed.
The fox is very cunning, but he is more cunning that catches him. (*Span.*)
The fox may grow grey, but never good.
The fox praiseth the meat out of the crow's mouth.
The fox preys farthest from his hole.
The fox's wiles will never enter the lion's head.
The friar preached against stealing when he had a pudding in his sleeve.
The frog cannot out of her bog.
The frost hurts not weeds.
The full moon brings fair weather.

The further we go, the further behind.
The gallows will have its own at last.
The generous man pays for nothing so much as what is given him.
The gentle hawk mans herself.
The goat browses where he is tied.
The golden age was never the present age.
The good are joyful in the midst of poverty; but the wicked are sad in great riches.
The good man is the last who knows what's amiss at home.
The good mother saith not, will you, but gives.
The good or ill hap of a good or ill life, is the good or ill choice of a good or ill wife.
The good palliate a bad action.
The good you do is not lost, though you forget it.
The gown is her's that wears it; and the world is his who enjoys it.
The grace o' God is gear enough.
The grandmother's correction makes no impression.
The grave is the general meeting-place.
The great and the little have need of one another.
The great cab and the little cab go down to the grave.
The great thieves punish the little ones.
The greater the man, the greater the crime.
The greatest barkers are not the greatest biters.
The greatest burdens are not the gainfullest.
The greatest business of life is to prepare for death.
The greatest calf is not the sweetest veal.
The greatest clerks are not always the wisest men.
The greatest crabs are not always the best meat.
The greatest expense we can be at is that of our time.
The greatest favourites are in the most danger of falling.
The greatest hate springs from the greatest love.
The greatest learning is to be seen in the greatest plainness.
The greatest mischief you can do the envious, is to do well.
The greatest oaks have been little acorns.
The greatest strokes make not the best music.
The greatest talkers are always the least doers.
The greatest things are done by the help of small ones.
The greatest vessel hath but its measure.
The greatest wealth is contentment with a little.

The Grecian ladies counted their age from their marriage, not their birth. (*Homer.*)
The grey mare is the better horse.
The groat is ill saved that shames the master.
The groundsel (door-sill) speaks not save what it heard of the hinges.
The gude man's mither is always in the gude wife's gait (way).
The guilty mind needs no accuser.
The gull comes after the rain.
The half is better than the whole.
The hand that gives gathers.
The handsomest flower is not the sweetest.
The happy man canna be herried.
The hard gives no more than he that hath nothing.
The hare starts when a man least expects it.
The head and feet kept warm, the rest will take no harm.
The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart. (*Sirach.*)
The heathen's fortune is the Christian's Providence.
The higher the ape goes, the more he shows his tail.
The higher the fool the greater the fall.
The higher the hill, the lower the grass.
The higher the plum tree, the riper the plum; the richer the cobbler, the blacker his thumb.
The higher up, the greater fa'.
The highest branch is not the safest roost.
The highest spoke in fortune's wheel may soon turn lowest.
The highest standing, the lower fall.
The highest tree hath the greatest fall.
The highway is never about.
The hind had as lief see his wife on the bier, as that Candlemas day should be pleasant and clear.
The hog never looks up to him that threshes down the acorns.
The holidays of joy are the vigils of sorrow.
The horse next the mill carries all the grist.
The horse that draws his halter is not quite escaped.
The horse thinks one thing, and he that rides him another.
The horse-shoe that clatters wants a nail. (*Span.*)
The hypocrite pays tribute to God that he may impose on men.
The informer is the worst rogue of the two.

The Italian is wise before he undertakes a thing, the German while he is doing it, and the Frenchman when it is over.
The Italianized Englishman is a devil incarnate. (*Ital.*)
The jewel is not to be valued for the cabinet.
The Jews spend at Easter, the Moors at marriages, and the Christians in suits of law.
The judge must be condemned, when he absolves the guilty. (*Publius Syrus.*)
The kick of the dam hurts not the colt.
The kid that keeps above, is in no danger of the wolf.
The kiln calls the oven burnt-house.
The king can make a serjeant, but not a lawyer.
The king goes as far as he can, and not so far as he would. (*Span.*)
The king may bestow offices, but cannot bestow wit to manage them.
The king may give the honour, but thou art to make thyself honourable.
The king of good-fellows is appointed for the queen of beggars.
The king's cheese goes half away in parings.
The king's errand may come in at the cadger's gate.
The king's favour is no inheritance.
The labour we delight in, physics pain.
The lame goeth as far as the staggerer.
The lame post brings the surest news.
The langer we live we see the mae ferlies.
The lapwing cries most, farthest from her nest.
The last benefit is the most remembered.
The last drop makes the cup run over.
The last evil smarts most.
The last suitor wins the maid.
The last taste of things gives them the name of sweet or sour.
The laundress washeth her own smock first.
The law is not the same at morning and night.
The laws go as kings please.
The lazy man's the beggar's brother.
The lazy servant, to save one step, goes eight.
The least and weakest man can do some hurt.
The least boy always carries the greatest fiddle.
The less the temptation, the greater the sin.

The less wit a man has, the less he knows that he wants it.
The life of a man is a winter's day and a winter's way.
The lion's not half so fierce as he's painted.
The lion's skin is never cheap.
The little cannot be great unless he devour many.
The lone sheep is in danger of the wolf.
The longer east, the shorter west.
The longest day must have an end.
The longest life is but a parcel of moments.
The loquacity of fools is a lecture to the wise.
The love of the wicked is more dangerous than their hatred.
The lower mill-stone grinds as well as the upper.
The lucky pennyworth sells soonest.
The lute is in the hand of him that knows how to play on it.
The luxurious want many things, the covetous all things.
The mad dog bites his master.
The magician mutters, and knows not what he mutters.
The maintaining of one vice costeth more than ten virtues.
The mair cost the mair honour.
The mair mischief the better sport.
The man that is happy in all things, is more rare than the phœnix. (*Ital.*)
The March sun causes dust, and the wind blows it about.
The married man must turn his staff into a stake.
The master's eye makes the horse fat.
The meekness of Moses is better than the strength of Samson.
The memory of a benefit soon vanisheth, but the remembrance of an injury sticketh fast in the heart.
The memory of happiness makes misery woeful.
The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.
The mind is the man.
The miseries of the virtuous are the scandal of the good. (*Publius Syrus.*)
The mither o' a mischief is nae mair nor a midge wing.
The mob has many heads, but no brains.
The money you refuse will never do you good.
The moon does not heed the barking of dogs.
The moon is a moon still, whether it shine or not.
The moon's not seen where the sun shines.
The more acquaintance, the more danger.
The more danger, the more honour.

The more haste, the worse speed.
The more haste we make in a wrong direction, the farther we are from our journey's end.
The more knave, the better luck.
The more laws, the more offenders.
The more light a torch gives, the shorter it lasts.
The more Moors, the better victory.
The more noble, the more humble.
The more riches a fool hath, the greater fool he is.
The more, the merrier; the fewer, the better cheer.
The more wit, the less courage.
The more women look in their glasses, the less they look to their houses.
The more worship, the more cost.
The more you court a mean man, the statelier he grows. (*Span.*)
The more you heap, the worse you cheap.
The morning hour has gold in its mouth. (*German.*)
The morning sun never lasts a day.
The morning to the mountain, the evening to the fountain.
The most dangerous of wild beasts is a slanderer; of tame ones, a flatterer.
The most delightful pleasures cloy without variety. (*Publius Syrus.*)
The most exquisite folly is made of wisdom too fine spun.
The most lasting monuments are doubtless paper-monuments.
The mother-in-law remembers not that she was a daughter-in-law.
The mother knows best, whether the child be like the father.
The mother reckons well, but the infant reckons better. (*Span.*)
The motions of passion, and of conscience, are two things.
The mouse does not leave the cat's house with a belly-full. (*Span.*)
The mouse that hath but one hole is easily taken.
The multitude of offenders is their protection.
The muses love the morning.
The nature of things will not be altered by our fancies of them.
The nearer the bone, the sweeter the flesh.
The night is a cloak for sinners.

The nightingale and the cuckoo sing both in one month.
The nimblest footman is a false tale.
The noblest remedy of injuries is oblivion.
The noblest vengeance is to forgive.
The noisiest drum hath nothing in it but air.
The noisy fowler catches no birds.
The nurse is valued, till the child has done sucking.
The nurse's tongue is privileged to talk.
The offspring of them that are very old or very young lasteth not.
The old horse must die in somebody's keeping.
The old man's staff is the rapper at Death's door.
The older a fool, the worse he is.
The older the Welshman, the more madman.
The oldest man that ever lived died at last. (*Gaelic.*)
The orange that is too hard squeezed yields a bitter juice.
The owl is not accounted the wiser for living retiredly.
The owl thinks all her young ones beauties.
The ox when weariest treads surest.
The paleness of the pilot is sign of a storm.
The parings of a pippin are better than a whole crab.
The passions are like fire and water; good servants, but bad masters.
The pen of the tongue should be dipped in the ink of the heart. (*Ital.*)
The people will worship a calf, if it be a golden one.
The persuasion of the fortunate sways the doubtful.
The pigeon never knoweth woe, but when she doth a benting go.
The pine wishes herself a shrub, when the axe is at her root.
The piper wants meikle that wants his nether chafts.
The pitcher doth not go so often to the water, but it comes home broken at last.
The pleasures we enjoy are lost by coveting more.
The pleasures of the mighty are the tears of the poor.
The plough goes not well if the ploughman holds it not.
The poet, of all sorts of artificers, is the fondest of his works.
The poor do penance for the follies of their superiors. (*Ital.*)
The poor man pays for all.
The poor man turns his cake, and another comes and takes it away.

The poor man's aye put to the warst.
The poor man's budget is full of schemes. (*Span.*)
The poor man's penny, unjustly detained, is a coal of fire in a rich man's purse.
The poor man's shilling is but a penny.
The poor man's wisdom is as useless as a palace in a wilderness. (*Gaelic.*)
The poor rich man is emphatically poor.
The praise of fools is censure in disguise.
The prick of a pin is enough to make an empire insipid for a time.
The priest forgets he was a clerk.
The prince that is feared of many, must, of necessity, fear many.
The prodigal robs his heir, the miser himself.
The proof of a pudding is in the eating.
The proof of obedience is found in small matters more than great.
The proudest vice is ashamed to wear its own face long.
The public has more interest in the punishment of an injury, than he who receives it. (*Cato.*)
The purest gold is the most ductile.
The purse of the patient protracts his cure. (*Ger.*)
The purse-strings are the most common ties of friendship.
The race is got by running.
The rainbow at night is the shepherd's delight.
The rainbow in the morning gives the shepherd warning.
The rat which has but one hole is soon caught.
The raven chides blackness.
The receiver is as bad as the thief.
The remedy for injuries, is not to remember them. (*Ital.*)
The remedy for love is—land between. (*Span.*)
The remedy is worse than the disease. (*Scotch.*)
The remedy of to-morrow is too late for the evil of to-day. (*Span.*)
The remembrance of a well-spent life is sweet.
The revenge of an idiot is without mercy.
The reward of love is jealousy.
The reward of unlawful pleasure is lawful pain.
The rich and ignorant are sheep with golden wool. (*Ital.*)
The rich are trustees under God for the poor.

The rich follow wealth, and the poor the rich.
The rich need not beg a welcome.
The rich never want for kindred.
The rich widow cries with one eye and laughs with the other.
The righteous find peace, when the wicked feel torment.
The road to hell is paved with good intentions.
The robes of lawyers are lined with the obstinacy of clients.
The rotten apple injures its neighbour.
The rough net's not the best catcher of birds.
The rusty sword and empty purse plead performance of covenants.
The scholar may war the master.
The sea complains it wants water.
The sea refuses no river.
The second blow makes the fray.
The second vice is lying, the first being that of owing money.
The self-edge makes show of the cloth.
The servant of a king is a king.
The shirt is nearer than the coat.
The shoe will hold with the sole.
The sickness of the body may prove the health of the soul.
The sign invites you in, but your money must get you out.
The singing man keeps his shop in his throat.
The simple man's the beggar's brother.
The skilfullest without money is scorned.
The sleeping fox catches no poultry.
The sluggard makes his night till noon.
The sluggard's convenient season never comes.
The smaller the drink, the cooler the blood, and the clearer the head.
The smallness of the kitchen makes the house the bigger.
The smiles of a pretty woman are the tears of the purse. (*Ital.*)
The smith and his penny are always black.
The smith hath always a spark in his throat.
The smoke of a man's own house is better than the fire of another's.
The snail slides up the tower at last, though the swallow mounteth it not.
The society of ladies is the school of politeness.
The sole holdeth with the upper leather.

The sooty oven mocks the black chimney.
The soul is not where it lives, but where it loves.
The soul of a choleric man sits ever by the fire-side.
The sparrow builds in the martin's nest.
The spider lost her distaff, and is ever since forced to draw her thread through her tail.
The stillest humours are always the worst.
The sting of a reproach is the truth of it.
The stone that lieth not in your way, need not offend you.
The strangest horse loups the dyke.
The stream can never rise above the spring-head.
The study of vain things is laborious idleness.
The subject's love is the king's best guard.
The submitting to one wrong brings on another. (*Span.*)
The sun can be seen by nothing but its own light.
The sun is larger than it looks.
The sun is never the worse for shining on a dunghill.
The sun is still beautiful, though ready to set.
The sun may do its duty, though your grapes are not ripe.
The swan sings when death comes.
The sweat of Adam's brow hath streamed down ours ever since.
The sweetest wine makes the sharpest vinegar.
The table robs more than the thief.
The tale runs, as it pleases the teller.
The taste of the kitchen is better than the smell.
The tattler's tongue is ever dancing a silly jig.
The tailor that makes not a knot, loseth a stitch.
The tailor's wife is worst clad.
The tears of the congregation are the praises of the minister. (*Ital.*)
The tears of the tankard.
The thief is sorry he is to be hanged, not that he is a thief.
The thing that's done is na to do.
The thing that's fristed is na forgi'en.
The things of friends are in common. (*Greek.*)
The thought has good legs, and the quill a good tongue.
The three things most difficult are—to keep a secret, to forget an injury, and to make good use of labour. (*Chilo.*)
The thunderbolt hath but its clap.
The tide will fetch away what the ebb brings.

The time to come is no more ours than the time past.
The timid and weak are the most revengeful and implacable.
The tod ne'er fares better than when he's bann'd.
The tongue breaketh bone, though itself have none.
The tongue ever turns to the aching tooth.
The tongue is not steel, yet it cuts.
The tongue is the rudder of our ship.
The tongue of a fool carves a piece of his heart to all that sit near him.
The tongue of idle persons is never idle.
The tongue talks at the head's cost.
The touch-stone distinguishes between gold and brass.
The trap to the high-born is ambition.
The treason is loved, but the traitor is hated. (*Ital.*)
The tree falls not at the first stroke.
The tree is known by its fruit.
The tree is no sooner down, but every one runs for his hatchet.
The tricks a colt gets at his breaking, will, whilst he lives, ne'er be lacking.
The true art of making gold is to have a good estate, and spend little of it.
The truest jests sound worst in guilty ears.
The truest wealth is that of the understanding.
The unexpected always happens.
The unfortunate are counted fools.
The unrighteous penny corrupts the righteous pound. (*Ger.*)
The used key is always bright.
The usefullest truths are the plainest.
The usual forms of civility oblige no man.
The venom of a viperous tongue may be converted into treacle.
The very best men stand in need of pardon.
The very falling of leaves frightens hares.
The vicious obey their passions, as slaves do their masters. (*Diogenes.*)
The virtue of the mouth healeth all it toucheth.
The vulgar keep no account of your hits, but of your misses.
The warld is bound to nae man.
The warst world that ere was, some man wan.

The water that comes from the same spring cannot be both fresh and salt.
The way of a fool is right in his own eyes. (*Solomon.*)
The way to avoid great faults is to beware of small ones.
The way to Babylon will never bring you to Jerusalem.
The way to be safe is never to feel secure.
The way to heaven is by Weeping-Cross. (*Ger.*)
The way to live much is to live well betimes.
The way to make ourselves admired is to be what we affect to be thought. (*Socrates.*)
The way to see Divine light is to put out thine own candle.
The weakest goes to the wall.
The wearer best knows where the shoe wrings him.
The weeds o'ergrow the corn.
The Welshman keeps nothing till he has lost it.
The whole ocean is made up of single drops.
The wholesomest meat is at another man's cost.
The wicked even hate vice in others.
The wicked grow worse, and good men better for trouble.
The wicked heart never fears God, but when it thunders.
The wicked man lives to eat and drink, but the good eats and drinks to live. (*Plutarch.*)
The wife is the key of the house.
The wind is not in your debt, though it fills not your sail.
The wind keeps not always in one quarter.
The wind that blows out candles kindles the fire.
The wine is the master's, but the goodness of it is the butler's.
The wise and the fool have their fellows.
The wise hand doth not all the foolish tongue speaketh.
The wise make jests, and fools repeat them.
The wise man draws more advantage from his enemies, than a fool from his friends.
The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks.
The wise man is born to rule the fool.
The wise man knows he knows nothing, the fool thinks he knows all. (*Ital.*)
The wise man knows the fool, but the fool doth not know the wise man.
The wolf and fox are both privateers.

The wolf doth something every week that keeps him from church on Sunday.
The wolf is always said to be more terrible than he is. (*Ital.*)
The wolf never wants a pretence against the lamb.
The woman who has a bad husband makes a confidant of her maid. (*Span.*)
The word of a king ought to be as binding as the oath of a subject. (*Ital.*)
The world is a great book, of which they that never stir from home read only a page. (*St. Austin.*)
The world is a ladder for some to go up, and some down.
The world is a net; the more we stir in it, the more we are entangled.
The world is so much knave, that it holds honesty to be a vice and a folly.
The world is too narrow for two fools a quarrelling.
The world was never so dull, as if one won't another will.
The world would perish were all men learned.
The world's busy man is the grand impertinent.
The worse for the rider, the better for the bider.
The worse luck now, the better another time.
The worse the passage, the more welcome the port.
The worst of law is that one suit breeds twenty.
The worst part of poverty is to bear it impatiently.
The worst pig often gets the best pear.
The worst spoke in a cart breaks first.
The worst store is a maid unbestowed.
The worst wheel of a cart creaks most.
The worth of a thing is best known by the want of it.
The worth of a thing is what it will bring.
The wound that bleedeth inwardly is most dangerous.
The wrath of brothers is fierce and devilish.
The young are not always with their bow bent.
The young cock crows as he heard the old one.
The young pig grunts like the old sow.
The younger brother hath the more wit.
The younger brother is the ancienter gentleman.
Their power and their will are the measures princes take of right and wrong.
There are many rare abilities in the world, which fortune never brings to light.

There are meikle atween word an' deed.
There are mony fair words i' the marriage-making, but few i' the tocher-gude paying.
There are mony sooth words spoken in bourding.
There are more mockers than well-meaners, and more foolish quips than good precepts.
There are more threatened than struck.
There are more ways to kill a dog than hanging.
There are more ways to the wood than one.
There are no fans in hell. (*Arab.*)
There are no gains without pains; then help hands, for I have no lands.
There are no gains without pains; then plough deep, while sluggards sleep.
There are none so deaf as those that won't hear.
There came nothing out of the sack but what was in it.
There can be no affinity nearer than our country. (*Plato.*)
There can be no friendship where there is no freedom.
There cannot be a more intolerable thing than a fortunate fool.
There could be no great ones, were there no little ones.
There goes the wedge, where the beetle drives it.
There is a critical minute for all things.
There is a devil in every berry of the grape.
There is a different fame goes about of every man.
There is a falsehood in fellowship.
There is a great difference atween market days.
There is a knack of shewing we understand the matter, when we hold our peace.
There is a measure in all things.
There is a medium betwixt all fool and all philosopher.
There is a remedy for everything, could we but hit upon it.
There is a scarcity of friendship, but none of friends.
There is a silver lining to every cloud.
There is a sliddery stane before the ha' door.
There is a snake in the grass.
There is a special providence in the fall of a sparrow.
There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. (*Shakespeare.*)
There is a time for all things.
There is a time to wink, as well as to see.

There is a witness everywhere.
There is an end o' an auld sang.
There is as much greatness in owning a good turn, as in doing it.
There is but bad choice, where the whole stock is bad.
There is but one good wife in the world, and every man thinks he has her.
There is difference between living long and suffering long.
There is difference between staring and stark blind.
There is God's poor, and the devil's poor; the first from Providence, the other from vice.
There is life in a mussel.
There is little due to pleasure, but much to health.
There is little for the rake after the besom.
There is little to sew when tailors are true.
There is luck in leisure.
There is luck in odd numbers.
There is many a good wife that can't sing and dance well.
There is many a true tale told in jest.
There is more hope of a fool, than of him that is wise in his own conceit. (*Solomon.*)
There is more money got by ill means than by good acts.
There is more pleasure in loving, than in being beloved.
There is more trouble in having nothing to do, than in having much to do. (*Ital.*)
There is much more learning than knowledge in the world.
There is no accord where every man would be a lord.
There is no adding to fundamentals.
There is no art that can make a fool wise.
There is no banquet, but some dislike something it in.
There is no cake, but there is the like of the same make.
There is no companion like the penny.
There is no condition, but what sits well upon a wise man.
There is no deceit in a brimmer.
There is no difference of bloods in a bason.
There is no disputing of tastes, appetites, and fancies.
There is no fence against a panic.
There is no fire without some smoke.
There is no general rule without some exception.
There is no going to heaven in a sedan.
There is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.

There is no hair so small but hath its shadow.
There is no honour where there is no shame. (*Ital.*)
There is no man so bad, but has a secret respect for the good.
There is no medicine against death. (*Ital.*)
There is no more hold of a new friend, than of a new fashion.
There is no putting old heads on young shoulders.
There is no quenching of fire with tow.
There is no redemption from hell.
There is no relying on a starry sky.
There is no remedy for all evils but death.
There is no reputation so clear but a slanderer may stain it.
There is no royal road to learning.
There is no short cut of a way, without some ill way.
There is no such flatterer as a man's self.
There is no sufficient recompense for an unjust slander.
There is no true holiness without humility.
There is no woe like to want.
There is no wool so white, but a dyer can make it black.
There is no worse robber than a bad book. (*Ital.*)
There is nobbut three generations atween clogs an' clogs.
There is none deceived but he that trusteth.
There is none so simple, but can give counsel.
There is not always good cheer where the chimney smokes.
There is not so much comfort in having children, as there is sorrow in parting with them.
There is not the thickness of a sixpence between good and evil.
There is nothing ill said that's not ill taken.
There is nothing more precious than time, and nothing more prodigally wasted.
There is nothing so bad in which there is not something of good.
There is reason in the roasting of eggs.
There is small choice in rotten apples.
There is small difference (to the eye of the world) in being nought, and being thought so.
There is winter enough for the snipe and woodcock too.
There may be blue, and better blue.
There may be such things as old fools and young counsellors.
There needs a long apprenticeship to understand the mystery of the world's trade.

There needs a long time to know the world's pulse.
There ne'er came ill after gude advisement.
There was ne'er a cake but it had a make.
There was ne'er enough whar naething was left.
There were no ill language were it not ill taken.
There will be sleeping enough in the grave.
There would be no great, were there no little ones.
There's a craft in daubing; or, There is more craft in daubing than in throwing dirt on the wall.
There's a salve for every sore.
There's but an hour in a day between a good housewife and a bad.
There's great stirring in the North when old wives ride scout.
There's lightning lightly before thunder.
There's love in a budget.
There's mair maidens nor maukins.
There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.
There's meat in a goose's eye.
There's nae freend to a freend in mister.
There's nae medicine for fear.
There's nane without a faut.
There's naething mair precious nor time.
There's never a why but there's a wherefore.
There's never enough where nought leaves.
There's no compassion like the penny.
There's no deceit in a bag pudding.
There's no fool like an old fool.
There's no joy without alloy.
There's no mischief in the world done, but a woman is always one.
There's no rule without an exception.
There's no tree but bears some fruit.
There's nothing agrees worse, than a proud mind and a beggar's purse.
They are ay gude that are far awa'.
They are eith hindered that are na furdersome.
They are gude wily o' their horse that hae nane.
They are lightly herried that hae a' their ain.
They are little to be feared, whose tongues are their swords.
They are not all saints that use holy water.
They are rich who have true friends.

They are scarce of horseflesh, where two ride on a dog.
They are welcome that bring.
They buy gude cheap that bring naething hame.
They can find money for mischief, when they can find none to buy corn.
They complain wrongfully of Neptune, that twice suffer shipwreck.
They had ne'er an ill day that had a gude e'en.
They have a short Lent, who owe money to be paid at Easter.
They have need of a besom that sweep the house with a turf.
They have need of a blessing who kneel to a thistle.
They hurt themselves, that wrong others.
They laugh ay that win.
They love dancing well, that dance among thorns.
They love me for little that hate me for naught.
They love most who are least valued.
They love too much that die for love.
They may know the workman by his work. (*Ital.*)
They may sit in the chair that have malt to sell.
They mense little the mou' that bite aff the head.
They must hunger in frost, that will not work in heat.
They need much, whom nothing will content.
They say so, is half a lie.
They seldom live well, who think they shall live long.
They take a long day that never pay.
They talk of Christmas so long, that it comes.
They that are bound must obey.
They that be in hell think there's no other heaven.
They that bourd wi' cats maun count upo' scarts.
They that burn you for a witch, will lose all their coals.
They that buy an office, must sell something.
They that can cobble and clout, shall have work when others go without.
They that command the most, enjoy themselves the least.
They that desire but few things, can be crossed but in few.
They that do nothing, learn to do ill.
They that drink langest live langest.
They that fear an overthrow, are half beaten.
They that gie you hinder you to buy.
They that have good store of butter may lay it thick on their bread.

They that have no other meat, bread and butter are glad to eat.
They that hide, can find.
They that know one another, salute afar off.
They that lie down for love shou'd rise for hunger.
They that live longest must die at last.
They that live longest must fetch fire farthest.
They that live longest must go farthest for wood.
They that make laws must not break them.
They that see you by day, will not break in upon you at night.
They that value not praise, will never do anything worthy of it.
They that walk much in the sun, will be tanned at last.
They that will not be counselled, cannot be helped.
They whip the cat if the mistress does not spin. (*Span.*)
They who boast most, generally fail most; for deeds are silent.
They who cannot as they would, must do as they can.
They who educate children well, are more to be honoured than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well. (*Aristotle.*)
They who have much business, must have much pardon.
They who live in glass houses should not throw stones.
They who live longest will see most.
They who make the best use of their time, have none to spare.
They who play with edge tools must expect to be cut.
They who seek only for faults, see nothing else.
They who slander the dead are like envious dogs, that bark and bite at bones. (*Zeno.*)
They who would be young when they are old, must be old when they are young.
They who worship God merely for fear, would worship the devil should he appear.
They wist as well that dinna speer.
Thieves and rogues have the best luck if they do but escape hanging.
Things above thy height are to be looked at, not reached at.
Things at the worst will sometimes mend.
Things hardly attained are the longer retained.

Things ill got have ever bad success.
Things in motion sooner catch the eye than what move not.
Things not understood are admired.
Things past may be repented, but not recalled. (*Livy.*)
Things unreasonable are never durable. (*Ital.*)
Think much, speak little, and write less.
Think no labour slavery that brings in penny saverly.
Think of ease, but work on.
Think of thy deliverance, as well as of thy danger.
Think to-day and speak to-morrow.
Thinking is very far from knowing.
This and better may do, but this and worse will never do.
This day there is no trust, come to-morrow.
This rule in gardening never forget, to sow dry and set wet.
This warld winna last ay.
This world is nothing, except it tend to another.
Thorns make the greatest crackling.
Those that eat cherries with great persons, shall have their eyes squirted out with the stones.
Those that eat best and drink best, often do worst.
Those who are born on Christmas day cannot see spirits.
Thou canst not serve God, unless thy mammon serve thee.
Though a coat be ever so fine that a fool wears, yet 'tis but a fool's coat.
Though good be good, yet better is better.
Though love is blind, yet 'tis not for want of eyes.
Though malice may darken truth, it cannot put it out.
Though modesty be a virtue, bashfulness is a vice.
Though one grain fills not the sack, it helps.
Though poverty may bring sorrow, riches create inquietude,
Though the cat winks a while, yet sure she is not blind.
Though the fox runs, the chicken hath wings.
Though the heavens be glorious, yet they are not all stars.
Though the mastiff be gentle, yet bite him not by the lip.
Though the sauce be good, yet you need not forsake the meat for it.
Though the sore be healed, yet a scar may remain.
Though the sun shines leave not your cloak at home.
Though the wolf may lose his teeth, he never loses his inclinations.

Though thou hast never so many counsellors, yet do not forsake the counsel of thy own soul.
Though thy enemy seem a mouse, yet watch him like a lion.
Though you are bound to love your enemy, you are not bound to put your sword in his hand.
Though you stroke the nettle ever so kindly, yet it will sting you.
Thraw the wand while it's green.
Threatened folks live long.
Three are too many to keep a secret, and too few to be merry.
Three great evils come out of the North; a cold wind, a cunning knave, and a shrinking cloth.
Three may keep counsel, if two be away.
Three removes are as bad as a fire.
Three things only are well done in haste: flying from the plague, escaping quarrels, and catching fleas.
Three women and a goose make a market.
Thrift is good revenue.
Thrift is the philosopher's stone.
Throw not stones at thine own window.
Throw the rope in after the bucket.
Throwing your cap at a bird is not the way to catch it.
Thy child that is no child leave upon the waters, and let him swim.
Thine hand is never the worse for doing thy own work.
Thy secret is thy prisoner; if thou let it go, thou art a prisoner to it.
Tidings make either glad or sad.
Till April is dead, change not a thread.
Till St. James's day be come and gone, you may have hops or you may have none.
Time and straw make medlars ripe.
Time and thinking tame the strongest grief.
Time and tide tarry (or wait) for no man.
Time and words can never be recalled.
Time devours all things.
Time fleeth away without delay.
Time is a file that wears and makes no noise.
Time is the herald of truth. (*Cicero.*)
Time is the rider that breaks youth.
Time stays not the fool's leisure.

Time tint is ne'er to be found.
Time tries a'.
Time weareth out fancies.
Timely blossom, timely ripe.
Tine heart an' a's gane.
Tine thimble, tine thrift.
'Tis a bad cloth indeed that will take no colour.
'Tis a bad stake will not stand one year in the hedge.
'Tis a folly to fret, grief's no comfort.
'Tis a good dog can catch anything.
'Tis a good horse that never stumbles, and a good wife that never grumbles.
'Tis a good ill that comes alone.
'Tis a great journey to the world's end.
'Tis a great way to the bottom of the sea.
'Tis a hard winter when one wolf eats another.
'Tis a long run that never turns.
'Tis a sign of an ill cause to rail at your adversary.
'Tis a wicked world, and we make part of it.
'Tis a wise child knows his own father.
'Tis altogether vain to learn wisdom, and yet live foolishly.
'Tis an ill horse can neither winny nor wag his tail.
'Tis an ill horse that will not carry his own provender.
'Tis an ill procession where the devil carries the cross.
'Tis an unhappy wit that stirs up enemies against itself.
'Tis as natural for women to pride themselves in fine clothes as 'tis for a peacock to spread his tail.
'Tis best to take half in hand, and the rest by and by.
'Tis better to be happy than wise.
'Tis better to cry over your goods than after them.
'Tis better to give one shilling than to lend twenty.
'Tis better to suffer wrong than do it.
'Tis brave scrambling at the rich man's dole.
'Tis clemency that makes the absolute conquest.
'Tis comparison that makes men happy or miserable.
'Tis dangerous marrying a widow, because she hath cast her rider.
'Tis day still while the sun shines.
'Tis easy to fall into a trap, but hard to get out again.
'Tis easier to avoid a fault than acquire perfection.
'Tis easier to bear unkindness than affronts.

'Tis easier to know how to speak, than how to be silent.
'Tis easier to preserve a friend, than to recover him when lost.
'Tis either a hare or a brake-bush.
'Tis fortune chiefly that makes heroes.
'Tis generous to bear an injury, but dangerous to requite it.
'Tis God's blessing that makes the pot boil.
'Tis good beating proud folks, for they'll not complain.
'Tis good christening a man's own child first.
'Tis good grafting on a good stock.
'Tis good riding in a safe harbour.
'Tis good to fear the worst, the best will save itself.
'Tis good to go a-foot with a horse in hand.
'Tis good to walk till the blood appears on the cheek, but not the sweat on the brow.
'Tis hard to sail over the sea in an egg shell.
'Tis harder to unlearn than learn.
'Tis height makes Grantham steeple stand awry.
'Tis ill fishing before the net.
'Tis ill jesting with edg'd tools.
'Tis ill shaving against the wool.
'Tis in vain to kick after you have once put on fetters.
'Tis in vain to speak reason where 'twill not be heard.
'Tis late ere an old man comes to know he is old.
'Tis liberty that every one loves.
'Tis merry in the hall when beards wag all.
'Tis money that begets money.
'Tis never too late to repent.
'Tis not a basket of hay, but a basket of flesh, which will make a lion roar.
'Tis not all saved that's put i' th' purse.
'Tis not clean linen only that makes the feast.
'Tis not every question that deserves an answer.
'Tis not for every one to catch a salmon.
'Tis not good praising a ford till a man be over.
'Tis not good to be happy too young.
'Tis not good to wake a sleeping dog or lion.
'Tis not knowing much, but what is useful, that makes a wise man.
'Tis not others' apprehensions, but your own liking, that should please you.
'Tis not prating, but working, that brings in the harvest.

'Tis not the action, but the intention, that is good or bad.
'Tis not the beard that makes the philosopher.
'Tis not the habit that makes the monk.
'Tis not the matter, but the mind.
'Tis not your posterity, but your actions, that will perpetuate your memory.
'Tis novelty that sets the people a-gaping.
'Tis one beggar's woe to see another by the door go.
'Tis perseverance that prevails.
'Tis pity fair weather should do any harm.
'Tis plenty that makes you dainty.
'Tis pride, and not nature, that craves much.
'Tis pride in fashion that puts humility out of countenance.
'Tis rare to find a fish that will not bite some time or other.
'Tis safe riding in a good haven.
'Tis self-conceit that makes opinion obstinate.
'Tis skill, not strength, that governs a ship.
'Tis sooner said than done.
'Tis the abilities of a horse that occasions his slavery.
'Tis the farmer's care that makes the field bear.
'Tis the last straw that breaks the horse's (camel's) back.
'Tis the nature of the beast.
'Tis the pace that kills.
'Tis the place that shews the man.
'Tis the riches of the mind only, that make a man rich and happy.
'Tis time, conversation, and business, that discover what a man is.
'Tis time to fear when tyrants seem to kiss.
'Tis time to yoke when the cart comes to the caples.
'Tis too late to spare when the bottom is bare (or all is spent).
'Tis wisdom sometimes to seem a fool.
Tithe, and yet be rich.
To a bad character, good doctrine avails nothing. (*Ital.*)
To a child, all weather is cold.
To a crazy ship all winds are contrary.
To a foolish woman, a violin is more pleasing than a distaff. (*Ital.*)
To a full belly all meat is bad. (*Ital.*)
To a good spender God is a treasurer.
To a man full of questions make no answer at all. (*Plato.*)

To a mortal man no evil is immortal.
To add fuel to the fire.
To angle with a silver hook.
To as much purpose as to give a goose hay.
To bang the pitcher.
To be a fool or knave in print, doth but bring the truth to light.
To be beside the cushion.
To be born with a silver spoon in his mouth.
To be bought and sold in a company.
To be cheek by jowl.
To be commended by those who might blame without fear, gives great pleasures. (*Agesilaus.*)
To be conquer'd by an hero is an honour.
To be employ'd in useless things, is to be half idle.
To be every one's friend is to be every one's fool. (*German.*)
To be high in the instep.
To be hoist with one's own petard.
To be in a merry pin.
To be in a peck of troubles.
To be in a quandary.
To be Jack on both sides.
To be loose in the hilts.
To be nursed in cotton.
To be of noble parentage, and not to be endowed with noble qualities, is rather a defamation than a glory.
To be on the high ropes.
To be tied to the sour apple tree.
To be tos't from post to pillory.
To be up the queer apple tree.
To be virtuous is to do good and to do it well.
To bear away the bell.
To believe a business impossible is the way to make it so.
To bite upon a bridle.
To blow hot and cold with the same breath.
To blush at vice shews the world you are ashamed of it.
To blush like a black dog.
To borrow on usance brings on a nuisance.
To borrow on usury brings sudden beggary.
To brag of many good morrows.
To break the ice.

To brew in a bottle and bake in a bag.
To bring a noble to ninepence, and ninepence to nothing.
To bring an abbey to a grange.
To bring an old house on one's head.
To bring meat in its mouth.
To bring one's hogs to a fair market.
To build castles in the air.
To burn daylight.
To burst at the broadside.
To buy a pig in a poke.
To buy and sell, and live by the loss.
To buy dear is not bounty.
To call a spade a spade.
To call one sir, and something else; *i.e.* Sirrah.
To carry coals to Newcastle.
To carry two faces under one hood.
To cast a sheep's eye at one.
To cast an old shoe after one.
To cast oil into the fire is not the way to quench it.
To cast up old scores.
To cast water into the Thames.
To catch a hare with a tabret.
To catch a Tartar.
To catch two pigeons with one bean.
To chew the cud upon a thing.
To clip one's wings.
To comb one's head with a joint stool.
To come a day after the fair.
To come bluely off.
To come from little good to stark nought.
To come home by Weeping-Cross.
To come in pudding time.
To come sailing in a sow's ear.
To come to fetch fire.
To command many, will cost much.
To commit as many absurdities as a clown in eating an egg.
To complain of ease.
To contemn a just condemnation, is to kick at a kindness.
To contemn the poor because of his poverty, is to affront God's providence.
To correct, or mend, the Magnificat.

To cry with one eye and laugh with the other.
To curse with bell, book, and candle.
To cut down an oak, and plant a thistle.
To cut down an oak, and set up a strawberry.
To cut large shives of another man's loaf.
To cut large thongs of another man's leather.
To cut one's coat according to one's cloth.
To dance to every man's pipe or whistle.
To-day a man, to-morrow a mouse.
To-day gold, to-morrow dust.
To-day is yesterday's pupil.
To-day me, to-morrow thee.
To deal fools' dole.
To dine with Duke Humphrey; *i.e.* to go without dinner.
To dive deep and bring up a potsherd.
To do good to the ungrateful is to throw rose-water into the sea.
To dote more on it than a fool on his bauble.
To draw the worm out of the root.
To dream of a dry summer.
To drink like a funnel.
To drive snails; a snail's gallop.
To eat one's words.
To eat the calf in the cow's belly.
To eat the cheese in the trap.
To err, is human; to forgive, divine.
To escape Cluyd, and be drowned in Conway.
To escape the rocks and perish in the sands.
To expect, to expect, is worth four hundred drachms.
To expose one's self to great dangers for trivial advantages, is to fish with a golden hook, where more may be lost than gained. (*Augustus Cæsar.*)
To fall away from a horse-load to a cart-load.
To fall together by the ears.
To favour the ill, is to injure the good.
To feather one's nest well.
To fight with one's own shadow.
To fill the mouth with empty spoons.
To find a mare's nest.
To fish for a herring, and catch a sprat.
To fly at all game.

To follow one like a St. Anthony's pig.
To follow one's nose.
To forget a wrong is the best revenge.
To fright a bird is not the way to catch her.
To fry in his own grease.
To gape for a benefice.
To get out of one mire to run into another.
To give a reason for fancy, were to weigh the fire, and measure the wind.
To give a Rowland for an Oliver.
To give and keep, there is need of wit.
To give and to have, doth a wise brain crave.
To give him the basket to hold; *i.e.* jilting him. (*Ger.*)
To give one a cast of his office.
To give one a Cornish hug.
To give one a flap with a fox's tail.
To give one a mouthful of moonshine.
To give one the cold shoulder.
To give one the dog to hold; *i.e.* to serve one a dog's trick.
To give one the go-by.
To go as fast as a friar that is invited to dinner.
To go down the wind.
To go like a bear to the stake.
To go like a cat round hot milk.
To go like a cat upon a hot bake-stone.
To go out like a candle, in a snuff.
To go rabbit hunting with a dead ferret.
To go the whole hog; *i.e.* to stick at nothing in pursuance of an object.
To go through fire and water to serve one.
To go through-stitch with a business.
To go to heaven in a feather-bed.
To go to pot.
To grease a man in the fist.
To grease one's boots.
To grow like a cow's tail.
To handle without mittens.
To hang one's ears.
To harp upon the same string.
To have a finger in the pie.
To have a month's mind to a thing.

To have a thing at his fingers' ends.
To have a thing at one's tongue's end, or, at the tip of one's tongue.
To have a wolf by the ears.
To have an aching tooth at one.
To have an oar in every man's boat.
To have crotchets in one's crown.
To have his hands full.
To have January chicks.
To have nothing but one's labour for one's pains.
To have rods in pickle for one.
To have the bent of one's bow.
To have the better end of the staff.
To have the law in one's own hand.
To have the length of one's foot.
To have the world in a string.
To have thwitten a mill-post to a pudding-prick.
To have two strings to one's bow.
To have windmills in his head.
To hear as dogs do in harvest, or with your harvest ears.
To help at a dead lift.
To him that hath lost his taste, sweet is sour.
To him that wills, ways are not wanting.
To him that you tell your secret, you resign your liberty.
To hit over the thumbs.
To hit the bird on the eye.
To hit the nail on the head.
To hold by the apron-strings.
To hold one's nose to the grind-stone.
To hold with the hare, and run with the hound.
To jest is tolerable, but to do harm by jest is insufferable
To jump at it like a cock at a gooseberry.
To kick the bucket.
To kick the wind.
To kill a man with a cushion.
To kill two birds with one stone.
To kill two flies with one flap.
To kill with kindness.
To lather an ass's head is only wasting soap. (*Span.*)
To laugh in one's face, and cut his throat.
To laugh in one's sleeve.

To lay a thing in one's dish.
To lay down the cudgels.
To lay the key under the threshold.
To lead one by the nose.
To leap like a cock at a blackberry.
To leap over the hedge before you come at the stile.
To leave all at sixes and sevens.
To leave no stone unturned.
To leave one in the briers or suds.
To leave one in the lurch.
To let leap a whiting.
To lick honey through a cleft stick.
To lick it up like Lim hay.
To lick one's self whole again.
To lie as fast as a dog can lick a dish.
To lie at rack and manger.
To live from hand to mouth.
To look a strained hair in a can.
To look as if he had eaten his bed straw.
To look like a dog that has lost his tail.
To look like a drowned mouse.
To look like an owl in an ivy bush.
To look like the picture of ill luck.
To look on one as the devil looks over Lincoln.
To lose a ship for want of a halfpenny-worth of tar.
To love at the door, and leave at the hatch.
To love it as a dog loves a whip.
To love it as the cat loves mustard.
To love it as the devil loves holy water.
To make a bolt or a shaft of it.
To make a bridge of one's nose.
To make a fair show in a country church.
To make a long harvest of a little corn.
To make a man valiant, abuse him lustily.
To make a mountain of a mole-hill.
To make a panada for the devil.
To make an empire durable, the magistrates must obey the laws, and the people the magistrates. (*Solon.*)
To make both ends meet.
To make one a stalking horse.
To make orts of good hay.

To make two friends with one gift.
To make woof or warp of any business.
To measure his cloth by another's yard.
To measure the meat by the man.
To mend as sour ale does in summer.
To miss his mark.
To-morrow comes never.
To nourish a viper in one's bosom.
To order without a constable.
To out-run the constable.
To outshoot a man in his own bow.
To pay one in his own coin.
To pass the pikes.
To pick a hole in a man's coat.
To pick a quarrel.
To play fast and loose.
To play least in sight.
To play the devil in the bulmong.
To play the dog in the manger.
To play the Jack with one.
To plough with the ass and the ox.
To pocket an injury.
To pour water into a sieve.
To prate like a parrot.
To preserve a friend three things are required; to honour him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities. (*Ital.*)
To promise, and give nothing, is to comfort a fool.
To put a spoke in his wheel.
To put one's finger in the fire.
To put one's nose out of joint.
To put our sickle into another man's corn.
To put out the miller's thumb.
To put (or set) the cart before the horse.
To quake at work, and sweat at meals.
To quake like an aspen leaf.
To quake like an oven.
To reckon without one's host.
To ride post for a pudding.
To rip up old sores, and cast up old scores.
To rob Peter to pay Paul.

To rob the spittle.
To rock the cradle in one's spectacles.
To row one way and look another.
To run the wild goose-chase.
To run through thick and thin.
To say his prayers backward.
To scold like a cut-purse.
To scorn a thing as a dog scorns tripe.
To see it rain is better than to be in it.
To seem, and not to be, is throwing the shuttle without weaving.
To send one away with a flea in his ear.
To set a good face on a thing.
To set a spoke in one's cart.
To set all at sixes and sevens.
To set cock on hoop.
To set the best foot forward.
To set the fox to keep the geese. (*Ital.*)
To set up his sail to every wind.
To set up one's staff.
To shoot at a pigeon, and kill a crow.
To shoot wide of the mark.
To show the gallows before they show the town. (*Span.*)
To sit in tight boots; *i.e.* ill at ease with your host.
To sit like a frog on a chopping block.
To sit like a wire-drawer under his work.
To sit upon one's skirts.
To slander with a matter of truth.
To sleep a dog's sleep.
To slip one's neck out of the collar.
To smell of elbow grease.
To sow his wild oats.
To spare at the spigot, and let run out at the bung-hole.
To speak like a mouse in a cheese.
To spin a fair thread.
To stand for cipher.
To stand in one's own light.
To stand upon one's pantoufles.
To stand upon thorns.
To stick by the ribs.
To stink like a pole-cat.

To stop two mouths with one morsel.
To stop two gaps with one bush.
To strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.
To stroke with one hand, and stab with the other.
To strut like a crow in a gutter.
To stumble at a straw, and leap over a block.
To stumble at the truckle-bed.
To swallow an ox, and be choked with the tail.
To take a dagger, and drown one's self.
To take a hair of the same dog.
To take a thing in snuff.
To take a wrong sow by the ear.
To take counsel of one's pillow.
To take from one's right side, to give to the left.
To take Hector's cloak.
To take one a peg lower.
To take one up before he is down.
To take out of one pocket to put in the other.
To take physic before one is sick.
To take the bird by the feet.
To take things in dudgeon, or to wear a dudgeon-dagger by his side.
To talk like an apothecary.
To talk without thinking is to shoot without aiming.
To tell a man a lie, and give him a reason for it.
To tell tales out of school.
To the grave with the dead, they who live to the bread.
To the wise, a word may suffice.
To throw pearls before swine.
To throw the helve after the hatchet (giving up a thing in despair).
To throw the house out of the windows.
To throw the rope after the bucket.
To throw the stone, and hide the hand.
To thrust his feet under another man's table.
To touch the quick, or to the quick.
To travel safely through the world, a man must have a falcon's eye, an ass's ears, an ape's face, a merchant's words, a camel's back, a hog's mouth, and a hart's legs.
To trot like a doe.
To turn cat-in-pan.

To turn over a new leaf.
To turn the canes into lances.
To turn with the wind, or tide.
To twist a rope of sand.
To use one like a Jew.
To walk by owl light.
To wash a blackmoor white.
To weep overmuch for the dead, is to affront the living.
To what place can the ox go, where he must not plough? (*Span.*)
To whisper proclamations is ridiculous.
To whom you betray your secret, you give your liberty. (*Ital.*)
To wind one up.
To woo is a pleasure in young men, a fault in old.
To work for a dead horse, or goose.
To wrap it up in clean linen.
Toasted cheese hath no master.
Too great and sudden changes, though for the better, are not easily borne.
Too hasty to be a parish clerk.
Too late to grieve, when the chance is past.
Too light winning makes the prize light.
Too many cooks spoil the broth.
Too much asseveration is a good ground of suspicion.
Too much breaks the bag.
Too much care may be as bad as downright negligence.
Too much consulting confounds.
Too much cordial will destroy.
Too much courtesy, too much craft.
Too much cunning undoes.
Too much familiarity breeds contempt.
Too much fear cuts all the nerves asunder.
Too much fear is an enemy to good deliberation.
Too much is stark naught.
Too much of one thing is good for nothing.
Too much praise is a burthen.
Too much spoileth, too little is nothing.
Touch a gall'd horse on the back, and he'll kick.
Touch me na on the sair heel.
Touch pitch, and you'll be defiled.

Trade is the mother of money.
Trade knows neither friends nor kindred.
Train up a child in the way he should go.
Tramp on a snail an' she'll shoot out her horns.
Trash and trumpery is the high-way to beggary.
Travel makes a wise man better, but a fool worse.
Travellers should correct the vice of one country by the virtue of another.
Tread on a worm and it will turn.
Tripe broth is better than no porridge.
Trot father, trot mither, how can foal amble.
Troy was not taken in a day.
True blue will never stain.
True jests breed bad blood.
True praise takes root and spreads.
True sincerity sends for no witness.
True valour is fire; bullying is smoke.
True valour knows as well how to suffer as to act.
Trust makes way for treachery.
Trust me, but look to thyself.
Trust nor contend, nor lay wagers, or lend, and you'll have peace to your end.
Trust not a great weight to a slender thread.
Trust not a horse's heel, nor a dog's tooth.
Trust not a new friend nor an old enemy.
Trust not the praise of a friend, nor the contempt of an enemy. (*Ital.*)
Trust not to a broken staff.
Trust thyself only, and another shall not betray thee.
Trusting often, makes fidelity.
Trusting too much to others is the ruin of many.
Truth an' honesty keep the crown o' the causey.
Truth and honesty have no need of loud protestations.
Truth and oil are ever above.
Truth fears no colours.
Truth finds foes, where it makes none.
Truth hath a good face, but bad clothes.
Truth hath always a fast bottom.
Truth is a means, not an end.
Truth is God's daughter.
Truth is green.

Truth is the best buckler.
Truth is the daughter of Time.
Truth makes the devil blush.
Truth may be blamed, but shall never be shamed.
Truth may languish, but can never perish. (*Ital.*)
Truth may sometimes come out of the devil's mouth.
Truth needs not many words; but a false tale a large preamble.
Truth never grows old.
Truth seeks no corners.
Truth should not always be revealed.
Truth is truth to the end of the reckoning.
Truth will sometimes break out unlooked for.
Truths and roses have thorns about them.
Truth's best ornament is nakedness.
Truths too fine spun are subtle fooleries.
Try the ice before you venture upon it.
Try to tame a mad horse, but knock him not at head.
Try your freend ere you need him.
Try your friend ere you trust him.
Try your friend with a falsehood, and if he keep it a secret tell him the truth. (*Ital.*)
Try your skill in gilt first, and then in gold.
Twa bits are better nor ane.
Twa wits are better than ane.
Twa wolves may worry ae sheep.
Twa words maun gang to that bargain.
'Twas fear that first put on arms.
'Twas surely the devil that taught women to dance, and asses to bray.
'Twere better my enemy envy me, than I him.
Two blacks make no white. (*Scotch.*)
Two cats and a mouse, two wives in one house, two dogs and a bone, never agree in one.
Two cunning knaves need no broker.
Two daughters and a back door are three arrant thieves.
Two dogs strive for a bone, and a third runs away with it.
Two dry sticks will kindle a green one.
Two eyes see more than one.
Two fools in a house are too many by a couple.
Two good things are better than one.

Two hands in a dish, and one in a purse.
Two heads are better than one.
Two ill meals make the third a glutton.
Two in distress makes sorrow less.
Two may keep counsel, putting one away.
Two of a trade seldom agree.
Two Sir Positives can scarce meet without a skirmish.
Two sparrows upon one ear of wheat cannot agree.
Two things a man should never be angry at; what he can help, and what he cannot help.
Two things ought to be the object of our fear, the envy of friends, and the hatred of enemies. (*Bias.*)
Two to one in all things against the angry man.
Two's company, three's none.
'Twould make a horse break his bridle, or a dog his halter.
'Twould make even a fly laugh.
'Twould make one scratch where it doth not itch.

U.

Ugly women, finely dressed, are the uglier for it.
Ulcers cannot be cured that are concealed.
Unbidden guests are welcomest when they are gone.
Under the furze, is hunger and cold; under the broom, is silver and gold.
Under water, famine; under snow, bread.
Ungirt, unblessed.
Unkindness has no remedy at law.
Unknown, unkiss'd.
Unless a fool knows Latin, he is never a great fool. (*Span.*)
Unminded, unmoaned.
Unprofitable eloquence is like the cypress, which is great and tall,but bears no fruit. (*Anon.*)
Unreasonable silence is folly.
Up hill spare me, down hill forbear me; plain way, spare me not, nor let me drink when I'm hot. (A horse.)
Up the hill favour me, down the hill beware thee.
Upbraiding turns a benefit into an injury.
Use legs, and have legs.
Use makes perfectness.

Use pastime, so as not to lose time.
Use soft words and hard arguments.
Use the means, and trust to God for the blessing.
Use your wit as a buckler, not as a sword.

V.

Vain glory blossoms, but never bears.
Valour can do little without discretion.
Valour that parleys, is near yielding.
Valour would cease to be a virtue, if there were no injustice. (*Agesilaus.*)
Valour would fight, but discretion would run away.
Vanity will prove vexation.
Varnishing hides a crack.
Venture a small fish to catch a great one.
Venture not all in one bottom.
Venture thy opinion, but not thyself for thy opinion.
Venus smiles not in a house of tears.
Vessels large may venture more, but little boats should keep near shore.
Vice is its own punishment, and sometimes its own cure.
Vice is the most dangerous, when it puts on the garb of virtue. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Vice makes virtue shine.
Vice often rides triumphant in virtue's chariot.
Vice ruleth where God reigneth.
Vilify not your parish priest.
Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.
Virtue dwells not in the tongue, but in the heart.
Virtue is a jewel of great price.
Virtue is its own reward.
Virtue is more persecuted by the wicked, than encouraged by the good.
Virtue is of noble birth, but riches take the wall of her.
Virtue is the only true nobility.
Virtue is tied to no degrees of men.
Virtue itself 'scapes not calumnious strokes.
Virtue itself turns vice, being misapplied.
Virtue maketh men on the earth famous, in their graves illustrious, in the heavens immortal. (*Chilo.*)

Virtue may be over-clouded for a while, but will shine at last.
Virtue, though momentarily shamed, cannot be extinguished. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Virtue which parleys, is near a surrender.
Virtue would not go far, if a little vanity walked not with it.
Virtues all agree, but vices fight one another.
Vows made in storms are forgotten in calms.

W.

Wait time and place to act thy revenge, for it is never well done in a hurry. (*Span.*)
Wake not a sleeping lion.
Walls have ears.
Want is the mother of industry.
Want makes strife 'twixt man and wife.
Want of care admits despair.
Want o' wit is war than want o' wealth.
Wanton kittens may make sober cats.
War, hunting, and law, are as full of trouble as pleasure.
War is death's feast.
War makes thieves, and peace hangs them.
War must be waged by waking men.
War with the world, and peace with England. (*Span.*)
Wark bears witness wha weel does.
Warned folks may live.
Wars brings scars.
Wash your hands often, your feet seldom, and your head never.
Wasps haunt the honey-pot.
Waste makes want.
Waste not, want not.
Water run by, will not turn a mill. (*Span.*)
Weak men had need be witty.
We are all Adam's children, but silk makes the difference.
We are apt to believe what we wish for.
We are ay to learn as lang as we live.
We are born crying, live complaining, and die disappointed.
We are bound to be honest, but not to be rich.

We are ever young enough to sin; never old enough to repent.
We are more mindful of injuries than benefits.
We are never so happy or unfortunate as we think ourselves.
We are usually the best men when in the worst health.
We can live without our friends, but not without our neighbours.
We cannot control the tongues of others, but a good life enables us to despise calumnies. (*Cato.*)
We carry our greatest enemies within us.
We carry our neighbour's failings in sight; we throw our own crimes over our shoulders.
We do nothing but in the presence of two great witnesses—God and our own conscience.
We easily forget our faults when nobody knows them.
We hate delay; yet it makes us wise.
We have all forgotten more than we remember.
We know not which stone the scorpion lurks under.
We lessen our wants by lessening our desires. (*Laberius.*)
We maun live by the living, an' no by the dead.
We may give advice, but we cannot give conduct.
We may not expect a good whelp from an ill dog.
We must fall down before a fox in season.
We must live by the quick, and not by the dead.
We must not contradict, but instruct him that contradicts us; for a madman is not cured by another running mad also. (*Antisthenes.*)
We must not lie down, and cry, God help us!
We must not look for a golden life in an iron age.
We never find that a fox dies in the dirt of his own ditch.
We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.
We ought either to be silent, or to speak things that are better than silence. (*Pythagoras.*)
We ought not to forget that our slaves are our fellow-men. (*D. Cato.*)
We ought to weigh well what we can only once decide. (*Publius Syrus.*)
We perfectly know what is good, and what is evil; and may be as certain in morals as in mathematics.
We see not what is in the wallet behind.
We seldom find out that we are flattered.

We shall all be bald an hundred years hence. (*Span.*)
We shall lie all alike in our graves.
We shall never have friends if we expect to find them without fault.
We should never remember the benefits we have conferred, nor forget the favours received. (*Chilo.*)
We should play to live, not live to play.
We should publish our joys, and conceal our griefs.
Weak things united become strong.
Weal and women cannot pan, but woe and women can.
Wealth and content do not always live together.
Wealth and honours can never cure a wounded conscience.
Wealth breeds a pleurisy, ambition a fever, liberty a vertigo, and poverty is a dead palsy. (*Gaelic.*)
Wealth gars wit waver.
Wealth is best known by want.
Wealth is not his who gets it, but his who enjoys it.
Wealth, like rheum, falls on the weakest parts.
Wealth makes worship.
Weapons bode peace.
Wear a horn and blow it not.
Wedding and ill wintering tame both man and beast.
Wedlock's a padlock.
Wee things fley cowards.
Weeds want no sowing.
Weel bides, weel betides.
Weel is, that weel does.
Weel kens the mouse when the cat's out o' the house.
Weel war a' that gars the plough draw.
Weels him and waes him that has a bishop in his kin.
Weigh right, and sell dear.
Weight and measure take away strife.
Welcome is the best cheer.
Welcome, mischief, if thou comest alone.
Well begun, is half done.
Well bought is half sold.
Well goes the case where wisdom counsels.
Well lathered is half shaven.
Well may he smell of fire whose gown burneth.
Well may he stumble that chooses a stony way.
Well might the cat wink when both her eyes were out.

Well to judge depends on well to hear. (*Ital.*)
Well to work and make a fire, doth both care and skill require.
Were it not for hope, the heart would break. (*Scotch.*)
Were things done twice, then all were wise.
Wha can haud what will awa?
Wham God will help, none can hender.
Whar the buck's bound there he maun bleet.
Whar the pig's broken let the sherds lie.
What a day may bring, a day may take away.
What a man desires, he easily believes.
What avails it me to draw one foot out of the mire, and stick the other in?
What belongs to the public belongs to nobody.
What better is the house for a sluggard's rising early?
What can the virtues of our ancestors profit us, if we do not imitate them?
What can you expect of a hog but his bristles?
What cannot be altered must be borne, not blamed.
What cannot be cured must be endured.
What can't be done by might may be done by slight (or sleight).
What children hear at home soon flies abroad.
What Christ takes not, the exchequer carries away. (*Span.*)
What cometh by kind costeth nothing.
What costs little is little esteemed.
What does not float is rotten.
What Friday gets it keeps.
What God made, he never mars.
What God will, no frost can kill.
What good can it do an ass to be called a lion?
What greater crime than loss of time?
What has been, may be.
What he gets, he gets out of the fire.
What is a gentleman but his word?
What is a great estate good for, if it brings melancholy?
What is a pound of butter among a kennel of hounds?
What is a workman without his tools?
What is bought is cheaper than a gift.
What is bred in the bone won't out of the flesh.
What is done by night appears by day.

What is done cannot be undone. (*Fr.*)
What is every man's business is no man's business.
What is got in the county is lost in the hundred.
What is gotten over the devil's back is spent under his belly.
What is not wisdom is danger.
What is one man's meat is another man's poison.
What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
What maintains one vice would bring up two children.
What matters it to a blind man that his father could see?
What may be done at any time will be done at no time.
What one knows, it is useful sometimes to forget. (*Publius Syrus.*)
What raging rashly is begun, challengeth shame before half done.
What reason and endeavour cannot bring about, time often will.
What should a cow do with a nutmeg?
What soberness conceals, drunkenness reveals.
What the eye sees not, the heart rues not.
What the fool does in the end, the wise man does in the beginning. (*Span.*)
What the good wife spares, the cat eats.
What the heart thinketh, the tongue speaketh.
What we cannot help is our misfortune, not our fault.
What we first lear we best ken.
What we have in us of the image of God, is the love of truth and justice. (*Demosthenes.*)
What you do when you are drunk, you must pay for when you are sober. (*Scotch.*)
What your glass tells you, will not be told by counsel.
What's a gentleman but his pleasure?
What's an army without a general?
What's an estate good for, if it cannot buy content?
What's freer than a gift?
What's good in the mouth, may be bad in the maw.
What's my turn to-day, may be thine to-morrow.
What's none of my profit shall be none of my peril.
What's the good of a sun-dial in the shade?
Whatever is given to the poor, is laid out of the reach of fortune.

Whatever is given to the poor, is laid up in heaven.
Whatever's worth doing is worth doing well.
Wheat is not gather'd in the blade, but in the ear.
When a dog is drowning, every one offers him water.
When a fool finds a horse-shoe, he thinks ay the like to do.
When a fool hath bethought himself, the market's over.
When a man goes out, let him consider what he is to do; when he returns, what he has done. (*Cleobulus.*)
When a man grows angry, his reason rides out.
When a man is not liked, whatever he doth is amiss.
When a man repeats a promise again and again, he means to fail you.
When a man's coat is thread-bare, it is an easy thing to pick a hole in it.
When a man's house burns, it is not good playing at chess.
When a proud man hears another praised, he thinks himself injured.
When a thing is done, advice comes too late.
When a wise man errs, he errs with a vengeance.
When Adam delv'd, and Eve span, where was then the gentleman? Up start a churl, and gathered good, and thence did spring his gentle blood.
When ae door steeks, anither opens.
When April blows his horn, 'tis good for hay and corn.
When all fruit fails, welcome haws.
When all is consumed, repentance comes too late.
When all men say you are an ass, it is time to bray.
When an ass climbs a ladder, we may find wisdom in women.
When an old man will not drink, go to see him in another world.
When bees are old, they yield no honey.
When bread is wanting, oaten cakes are excellent. (*Span.*)
When Bredon Hill puts on his hat, ye men of the Vale beware of that.
When candles are out, all cats are grey.
When children stand quiet, they have done some harm.
When either side grows warm with argument, the wisest man gives over first.
When elder is white, brew and bake a peck; when elder is black, brew and bake a sack.

When every one gets his own, you'll get the gallows.
When every one takes care of himself, care is taken of all.
When flatterers meet, the devil goes to dinner.
When fortune fawneth, she biteth; when she is angry, she woundeth.
When fortune smiles, take the advantage.
When friends meet, hearts warm.
When God pleases, it rains with every wind.
When God wills, all winds bring rain.
When gold speaks, you may hold your tongue.
When good cheer is lacking, our friends will be packing.
When Good Friday falls in a lady's lap, to England will happen some mishap.
When gorse is out of blossom, kissing's out of fashion.
When honour grew mercenary, money grew honourable.
When I did well, I heard it never; when I did ill, I heard it ever.
When ill luck falls asleep, let nobody wake her.
When it pleaseth not God, the saint can do little.
When it rains pottage, you must hold up your dish.
When it thunders, the thief becomes honest.
When knaves fall out, honest men come by their own.
When love is in the case, the doctor's an ass.
When maidens sue, men live like gods.
When many strike on an anvil, they must strike by measure.
When mastiffs fight, little curs will bark.
When men speak ill of thee, live so as nobody may believe them. (*Plato.*)
When old age is evil, youth can learn no good.
When one will not, two cannot quarrel. (*Span.*)
When passion entereth at the foregate, wisdom goeth out of the postern.
When poverty comes in at the doors, love leaps out at the windows.
When pride rides, shame lacqueys.
When riches increase, the body decreaseth.
When rogues (or thieves) fall out, honest men come by their own.
When sharpers prey upon one another, there's no game abroad.
When sorrow is asleep, wake it not.

When the barn's full, you may thresh before the door.
When the belly is full, the bones are at rest.
When the bow is too much bent, it breaks. (*Ital.*)
When the cap's fu', carry it even.
When the cat is away, the mice will play.
When the clouds are on the hills, they'll come down by the mills.
When the cow's in a clout, she's soon picked out.
When the craw flees, her tail follows.
When the cuckoo comes to the bare thorn, sell your cow and buy your corn: but when she comes to the full bit, sell your corn and buy you sheep.
When the cup is full, carry it even.
When the curate licks the knife, it must be bad for the clerk. (*Span.*)
When the demand is a jest, the fittest answer is a scoff.
When the devil prays, he has a booty in his eye.
When the devil's a hog, you shall eat bacon.
When the edge is low, men soonest leap over.
When the fern begins to look red, then milk is good with brown bread.
When the fern is as high as a ladle, you may sleep as long as you're able.
When the fern is as high as a spoon, you may sleep an hour at noon.
When the flatterer pipes, the devil dances.
When the fox is asleep, nothing falls into his mouth.
When the fox preaches, beware of your geese.
When the frog and mouse would take up the quarrel, the kite decided it.
When the good man is from home, the good wife's table is soon spread.
When the head acheth, all the body is the worse.
When the heart is a-fire, some sparks will fly out of the mouth.
When the horse is starved, you bring him oats.
When the house is burnt down, you bring water.
When the husband drinks to the wife, all would be well; when the wife drinks to the husband, all is well.
When the iron is hot, it's time to strike.
When the maid leaves the door open, the cat's in fault.

When the mare hath a bald face, the filly will have a blaze.
When the moon's in the full, then wit's in the wane.
When the mutton's going, it is good to take a slice.
When the next house is on fire, it is high time to look to your own.
When the night's darkest the dawn is nearest.
When the old dog barks, he giveth counsel.
When the ox falls, there are many that will help to kill him.
When the pig is proffered, hold up the poke.
When the pot boils over, it cooleth itself.
When the pirate prays, there is great danger.
When the sand doth feed the clay, England woe and well a day; but when the clay doth feed the sand, then it's well with old England.
When the shepherd is angry with his sheep, he sends them a blind guide.
When the sky falls, we shall catch larks.
When the steed is stolen, you shut the stable door.
When the sun is highest, he casts the least shadow.
When the tree is fallen, every one goeth to it with his hatchet.
When the wares are gone, shut up the shop-windows.
When the well is dry, we know the worth of water.
When the well's fu', it will rin o'er.
When the wind's in the east, it's neither good for man nor beast.
When the wind's in the south, it's in the rain's mouth.
When the wind's in the west, the weather's at the best.
When the wine is in, the wit is out.
When the wine is run out, you'd stop the leak.
When thieves reckon, leal (honest) fowk come to their gear.
When thou dost hear a toll or knell, then think upon thy passing bell.
When thrift's in the field, he's in town.
When thy neighbour's house is on fire, beware of thine own.
When two friends have a common purse, one sings and the other weeps.
When we do ill, the devil tempteth us; when we do nothing, we tempt him.
When we have gold, we are in fear; when we have none, we are in danger.
When wine sinks, words swim.

When you are an anvil, hold you still; when you are a hammer, strike your fill.
When you are at Rome, do as Rome does.
When you are in vicious company, you are among your enemies.
When you are serv'd, a' the geese are watered.
When you are weel, haud yourself sae.
When you die, your trumpeter will be buried.
When you give others ill words, you rail at yourself.
When you go to dance, take heed whom you take by the hand.
When you have bought one fine thing you must buy ten more, that your appearance may be all of a piece.
When you have counted your cards, you'll find you have gained but little.
When you have given me roast meat, you beat me with the spit.
When you have made me shuffle the cards, then forsooth you'll not play.
When you have no observers, be afraid of yourself.
When you obey your superior, you instruct your inferior.
When you ride a young colt, see your saddle be well girt.
When your companions get drunk and fight, take up your hat and wish them good night.
Where a chest lies open, a reputed honest man may sin.
Where a man is not known when he speaks, he is not believed. (*Ital.*)
Where bad's the best, naught must be the choice.
Where bees are, there is honey.
Where coin's not common, common must be scant.
Where content is, there is a feast.
Where curiosity is not the purveyor, detraction will soon be starved.
Where drums speak out, laws hold their tongues.
Where every hand fleeceth, the sheep goes naked.
Where God hath his church, the devil will have his chapel.
Where honour ceases, knowledge decreases.
Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.
Where it's weakest, there the thread breaketh.
Where love fails, we espy all faults.
Where men are well used, they will resort.

Where necessity pinches, boldness is prudence.
Where no fault is, there needs no pardon.
Where none else will, the devil himself must bear the cross.
Where nothing is, a little doth ease.
Where nothing is, nothing can be had.
Where nothing's to be had, the king must lose his right.
Where one door shuts, another opens. (*Span.*)
Where one is wise, two are happy.
Where passion is high, there reason is low.
Where reason rules, appetite obeys.
Where shall a man have a worse friend than he brings from home?
Where something is found, there look again.
Where the bee sucks honey, the spider sucks poison.
Where the carcase is, the ravens will gather.
Where the dam leaps over, the kid follows.
Where the deer is slain, there will some of his blood lie.
Where the heart is past hope, the face is past shame.
Where the hedge is lowest, commonly men leap over.
Where the horse lieth down, there some hairs will be found.
Where the knot is loose, the string slippeth.
Where the love of the people are assured, the designs of the seditious are thwarted. (*Bias*).
Where the river is deepest, it runneth quietest.
Where the Turk's horse once treads, the grass never grows.
Where the water is shallow, no vessel will ride.
Where the will is ready, the feet are light.
Where there are many laws, there are many enormities.
Where there are reeds, there is water.
Where there are women and geese, there wants no noise.
Where there is a man, there do not thou show thyself a man.
Where there is much love, there is much mistake.
Where there is no love, all are faults.
Where there is store of oat-meal, you may put enough in the crock-pot.
Where there is whispering, there is lying.
Where there's a will, there's a way.
Where there's muck, there's money.
Where there's smoke, there's fire.
Where two faithful friends meet, God makes up a third.
Where two fools meet, the bargain goes off.

Where vain-glory reigns, folly is prime counsellor.
Where vice is, vengeance follows.
Where villany goes before, vengeance follows after.
Where we least think, there goeth the hare away.
Where wealth, there friends.
Where you see a jester, a fool is not far off.
Wheresoever we live well, that is our country.
Wheresoever you see your kindred, make much of your friends.
Wherever a man dwells, he shall be sure to have a thorn-bush near his door.
Wherever an ass falleth, there will be never fall again.
Wherever we meet misery, we owe pity.
Wherever you see your friend, trust yourself.
Wherries must not put out to sea.
Whether you boil snow or pound it, you will have but water from it.
While the dust is on your feet, sell what you have bought.
While the grass grows, the steed starves.
While the leg warmeth, the boot harmeth.
While the tall maid is stooping, the little one hath swept the house.
While there is life, there is hope.
While thy shoe is on thy foot, tread upon the thorns.
While you trust to the dog, the wolf slips into the sheep fold.
White hands cannot hurt. (*Span.*)
White silver draws black lines.
White walls are fools' writing paper.
Who always buys and sells, feels not what he spends.
Who asks after the pedigree of a swine he is to kill?
Who boils his pot with chips, makes his broth smell of smoke.
Who bulls the cow, must keep the calf.
Who buys had need of eyes, but one's enough to sell the stuff.
Who dainties love, shall beggars prove.
Who dangles after the great, is the last at table, and the first at blows. (*Ital.*)
Who depends upon another man's table, often dines late.
Who draws his sword against his prince, must throw away the scabbard.
Who draws others into ill courses, is the devil's factor.

Who eats, and leaves, has another meal good.
Who eats his dinner alone, must saddle his horse alone.
Who feels love in his breast, feels a spur in his limbs. (*Ital.*)
Who follow not virtue in youth, cannot fly sin in old age. (*Ital.*)
Who gives away his goods before he is dead, take a beetle and knock him on the head.
Who gives thee a capon, give him the leg and wings.
Who goes to bed supperless, all night tumbles and tosses.
Who has land, has war.
Who has not a good tongue, ought to have good hands.
Who has not understanding, let him have legs.
Who hath a fair wife, needs more than two eyes.
Who hath a good trade, through all waters may wade.
Who hath a scold, hath sorrow to his sops.
Who hath a wolf for his mate, needs a dog for his man.
Who hath aching teeth, hath ill tenants.
Who hath bitter in his mouth, spits not all sweet.
Who hath glass windows, must take heed how he throws stones.
Who hath God, hath all; who hath him not, hath less than nothing.
Who hath none to still him, may weep out his eyes.
Who hath spice enough, may season his meat as he pleaseth.
Who hunts two hares, leaves one, and loses the other. (*Ital.*)
Who in Janiveer sows oats, gets gold and groats; who sows in May, gets little that way.
Who is bad to his own, is bad to himself. (*Ital.*)
Who keeps company with a wolf, will learn to howl.
Who knows not how to dissemble, knows not how to reign.
Who knows nothing, doubts nothing. (*Fr.*)
Who lives well, sees afar off.
Who looks not before, finds himself behind.
Who loseth his due, getteth no thanks.
Who marries between the sickle and the scythe, will never thrive.
Who marries for love without money, hath good nights and sorry days.
Who more busy than they that have least to do?
Who more ready to call her neighbour scold, than the arrantest scold in the parish?

Who more than he is worth doth spend, e'en makes a rope his life to end.
Who never climb'd, never fell.
Who nothing have, shall nothing save.
Who pardons the bad, injures the good. (*Ital.*)
Who perisheth in needless danger, is the devil's martyr.
Who removeth land-mark stones, bruiseth his fingers.
Who repairs not his gutter, repairs his whole house. (*Span.*)
Who robs a scholar, robs the public. (*Span.*)
Who serves at court, dies on straw. (*Ital.*)
Who so blind as he that will not see?
Who so deaf as they that will not hear?
Who sows his corn in the field, trusts in God.
Who spends before he thrives, will beg before he thinks.
Who spends more than he should, hath not to spend when he would.
Who steals an old man's supper, does him no harm.
Who swims in sin, shall sink in sorrow.
Who takes an eel by the tail and a woman by her word, may say that he holds nothing. (*Ital.*)
Who teaches often, learns himself. (*Ital.*)
Who thinks often of death, does things worthy of life. (*Ital.*)
Who will not keep a penny, shall never have many.
Who won't when he may; when he will, shall have nay.
Who would borrow when he hath not, let him borrow when he hath.
Whoever hath a divided beard, the whole world will not prevail against him.
Whoever is the fox's servant, must bear up his tail. (*Gaelic.*)
Wholesome and poisonous herbs grow in the same garden.
Whom a serpent has bitten, a lizard alarms. (*Span.*)
Whom great men wrong, they hate.
Whom we love best, to them we can say least.
Whoso doth no evil, is apt to suspect none.
Whoso hath but a mouth, shall ne'er in England suffer drought.
Whoso lacketh a stock, his gain's not worth a chip.
Whosoever values not his own life, may be master of another's.
Wicked men cannot be friends, either among themselves or with the good. (*Socrates.*)

Wickedness with beauty, is the devil's hook baited.
Wide will wear, but narrow will tear.
Wife and children are hostages given to fortune.
Wi' empty hand nae man shou'd hawks allure.
Wild and stout never want a staff.
Wiles help weak fowk.
Wilful faults have no excuse, and deserve no pardon.
Wilful waste brings woeful want.
Will any, but an Irishman, hang a wooden kettle over the fire?
Will is power. (*Ger.*)
Will is the cause of woe.
Will will have wilt, though will woe win.
Will, without reason, is blind; and against reason, is mad.
Willing minds take up with poor exercises.
Willows are weak, yet they bind other wood.
Win at first, and lose at last.
Wind puffs up empty bladders; opinion, fools. (*Socrates.*)
Wine hath drowned more men than the sea.
Wine in the bottle doth not quench the thirst.
Wine is a turn-coat; first a friend, then an enemy.
Wine is the master's, but the goodness is the drawer's.
Wine neither keeps secrets, nor fulfils promises.
Wine that costs nothing is digested ere it be drank.
Wine wears no breeches; *i.e.* shows what a man is.
Wink at small faults.
Wink at wee fauts, your ain are meikle.
Winter is summer's heir.
Winter never rots in the sky.
Winter reveals what summer conceals.
Winter thunder makes summer wonder.
Winter weather and women's thoughts often change.
Winter's thunder and summer's flood, never boded Englishman good.
Wisdom don't always speak in Greek and Latin.
Wisdom goes not always by years.
Wisdom in a poor man is a diamond set in lead.
Wisdom is a good purchase, though we pay dear for it.
Wisdom is more to be envied than riches.
Wisdom is neither inheritance nor legacy.
Wisdom prefers an unjust peace to a just war.

Wisdom provides things necessary, not superfluous. (*Solon.*)
Wisdom rides upon the ruins of folly.
Wisdom sometimes walks in clouted shoes.
Wise and good is better than rich and great.
Wise fear begets care.
Wise men are caught in wiles.
Wise men are instructed by reason; men of less understanding by experience; the most ignorant by necessity; and beasts by nature. (*Cicero.*)
Wise men care not for what they cannot have.
Wise men change their mind, fools never.
Wise men have their mouth in their heart, fools their heart in their mouth.
Wise men in the world are like timber trees in a hedge, here and there one.
Wise men learn by other men's mistakes; fools by their own.
Wise men, though all laws were abolished, would lead the same lives. (*Aristophanes.*)
Wise words and great seldom agree.
Wishers and woulders are never good householders.
Wishes never can fill a sack.
Wit bought is better than wit sought.
Wit ill applied is a dangerous weapon.
Wit in a poor man's head an' moss on a mountain avails naething.
Wit is folly, unless a wise man hath the keeping of it.
Wit may be bought too dear.
Wit once bought is worth twice taught.
Wit without wisdom cuts other men's meat, and its own fingers.
With a fool and a knave, there's no conclusion.
With foxes we must play the fox.
With Latin, a horse, and money, thou wilt pass through the world. (*Span.*)
Withhold not thine hand from showing to the poor.
Without a friend, the world is a wilderness.
Without danger, danger cannot be surmounted. (*Publius Syrus.*)
Without favour, art is like a windmill without wind.
Without pains, no gains.
Wives must be had, be they good or bad.

Woe be to him whose advocate becomes his accuser.
Woe be to the wicked, and woe be to them that cleave to them.
Woe to the house where there is no chiding.
Woe to the mule that sees not her master.
Wolves may lose their teeth, but not their nature.
Women and dogs set men together by the ears.
Women and wine, game and deceit, make the wealth small, and the wants great.
Women and wine intoxicate the young and old. (*Ital.*)
Women commend a modest man, but like him not.
Women conceal all that they know not.
Women in mischief are wiser than men.
Women laugh when they can, and weep when they will.
Women must have their wills while they live, because they make none when they die.
Women, priests, and poultry, never have enough.
Women, wind, and fortune, are ever changing.
Women's jars breed men's wars.
Wonder is the daughter of ignorance.
Wonder lasts but nine nights in a town.
Wood half-burnt is easily kindled.
Words and feathers are tossed by the wind.
Words are but sands, 'tis money buys lands.
Words are but wind, but seeing is believing.
Words are for women; actions, for men.
Words may pass, but blows fall heavy.
Words shew the wit of a man, but actions his meaning.
Works, and not words, are the proof of love. (*Span.*)
Worth begets in base minds, envy; but in brave souls, emulation.
Worth without wealth is a good servant out of place.
Would you dye a raven black?
Would you draw oil out of sand?
Would you have better bread than is made of wheat?
Would you have potatoes grow by the pot-side?
Would you know secrets, search for them in grief or pleasure.
Would you know the value of money, go and borrow some.
Would you live an angel's days, be honest, just, and wise always.
Would you thatch your house with pancakes?

Wounds may heal, but not those that are made by ill words.
Wrang has nae warrant.
Wranglers are never in the wrong.
Wranglers never want words, though they may matter.
Wrens may prey where eagles dare not perch.
Wrinkled purses make wrinkled faces.
Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present.
Write with the learned, but speak with the vulgar.
Wrong count is no payment.

Y.

Years know more than books.
Yelping curs may anger mastiffs at last.
Yielding is sometimes the best way of succeeding. (*Ital.*)
Ye canna mak a silk purse o' a sow's lug.
Ye canna preach out o' your ain poupit.
Ye canna see the wood for trees.
Ye come to the gait's house to thig woo.
Ye dinna ken whar a blessing may light.
Ye maun tak the will for the deed.
Ye may be heard whar ye're na' seen.
Ye may drink o' the burn but no bite o' the brae.
Ye may gang farther and fare war.
Ye may tak the head for the washing.
Ye shape my shoon by your ain shackled feet.
Ye shou'd be a king o' your word.
Ye soon weary o' weel-doing.
Ye'll beguile nane but them that lippen to you.
Ye'll ne'er die on your ain assize.
You are a fool to steal, if you can't conceal.
You cannot catch old birds with chaff.
You cannot drive a windmill with a pair of bellows.
You cannot hide an eel in a sack.
You cannot judge of a man till you know his whole story.
You cannot know wine by the barrel.
You cannot make a silk purse of a sow's ear.
You cannot make velvet of a sow's ear.

You cannot see wood for trees.
You can't eat your cake, and have it too.
You can't judge of the horse by the harness.
You can't make a horn of a pig's tail.
You can't sell the cow, and have her milk too.
You can't whistle and drink at the same time.
You carry fire in one hand, and water in the other.
You dig your grave with your teeth.
You know not what ladle your dish may come under.
You know not where a blessing may light.
You may be a wise man, though you cannot make a watch.
You may beat a horse till he be sad, and a cow till she be mad.
You may beat the de'il into your wife, but you'll never bang him out again.
You may believe anything that is good of a grateful man.
You may break a colt, but not an old horse.
You may dance on the ropes without reading Euclid.
You may gape long enough ere a bird fall into your mouth.
You may know a foolish woman by her finery.
You may know by a handful the whole sack.
You may know by a penny how a shilling spends.
You may know by the market folks how the market goes.
You may know the horse by his harness.
You may know the master by the man.
You may lose a fly to catch a trout.
You may love your neighbour, and yet not hold his stirrup.
You may pay more for your schooling than your learning is worth.
You may row your heart out, if the wind and tide set against you.
You may speak with your gold, and make other tongues dumb.
You may tell an idle fellow if you but see him at dinner.
You measure every man's honesty by your own.
You measure every one's corn by your own bushel.
You must be content sometimes with rough roads.
You must cut your coat according to your cloth.
You must drink as much after an egg as after an ox.

You must learn to creep before you go.
You must look at the horse, and not at the mare. (*Span.*)
You must look where it is not, as well as where it is.
You must not cut and deal too.
You must not let your mousetrap smell of cheese.
You must not pledge your own health.
You must not throw pearls before swine.
You must plough with such oxen as you have.
You must sell as markets go.
You must spoil before you spin.
You must take the fat with the lean.
You must take the will for the deed.
You need not get a golden pen to write upon dirt.
You never speak but your mouth opens.
You ought to untie that knot which you knit yourself.
You should never touch your eye with your elbow.
You will never have a friend if you must have one without fault.
You will never repent of being patient and sober.
You would be little for God if the devil were dead.
You'll dance at the end of a rope without teaching.
Young cocks love no coops.
Young ducks may be auld geese.
Young flesh and old fish are best.
Young is the goose that will not eat oats.
Young men are made wise; old men become so.
Young men may die; old men must.
Young men should be learners when old men are actors.
Young men should not marry yet, old men never.
Young men think old men fools, and old men know young men to be so.
Young men's knocks old men feel.
Young prodigal in a coach will be old beggar barefoot.
Your belly will never let your back be warm.
Your gear will near o'er-gang you.
Your looking-glass will tell you what none of your friends will.
Youth and white paper take any impression.
Youth ne'er casts for peril.
Youth will have its swing.
Yule is good on yule even.

Z.

Zeal is fit only for wise men, but is found mostly in fools.
Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.
Zeal without knowledge is frenzy.
Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

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